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## Shamir back with 'new ideas'

TEL AVIV, March 16 (AP) — Foreign Minister Yitzhak Shamir returned from talks in Washington Wednesday saying there was closer coordination between Israel and the United States on the troop-withdrawal talks with Lebanon.

Shamir told an airport news conference that he would bring "new ideas" worked out in 18 hours of talks in Washington to Prime Minister Menachem Begin's government "for discussion and decision."

He refused to elaborate on the ideas, but a senior official in Washington said the United States may play a larger role in monitoring security arrangements in South Lebanon. The U.S. official, who was not identified, spoke of a joint U.S.-Israeli-Lebanese commission to supervise the arrangements.

"I have the feeling that the positions of the United States and Israel are closer than before, and the chances have grown for an agreement," Shamir told reporters.

He said he also felt an improvement in U.S.-Israeli relations, which are still recovering from the strains of Israel's invasion of Lebanon last summer.

Reporting on his 30-minute meeting with President Reagan, Shamir said the president stressed "the need for a close dialogue." He quoted Reagan as saying that "it's better to talk to each other than about each other."

Israel's armed forces radio said one idea Shamir was bringing was a proposal that the Lebanese Army, along with the Israeli-backed militia of Maj. Saad Haddad, be responsible for patrolling southern Lebanon.

The radio said Secretary of State George Shultz suggested that U.S. troops be based in the area.

Foreign Minister Elie Salem of Lebanon, who held separate talks with Shultz over the last several days, remained behind and discussed the situation Wednesday with President Ronald Reagan and Vice President George Bush.

He was accompanied by former Lebanese Prime Minister Saeb Salam, who told reporters that Reagan fully supports Lebanon's desire to rid the country of all foreign forces. Salam said Reagan repeated several times during the meeting that he has "no reverse gear" and just wants to go forward on the issue.

The Lebanese elder statesman repeated his country's position that "we are prepared to go to any limits, but not to impinge on the sovereignty of Lebanon" by permitting a residual force of Israeli troops to remain behind after the main force withdraws.

On Tuesday, Salem referred to "new concepts" that were put forward, and said progress had been made in defining "security arrangements" to protect Israel's northern frontiers after all foreign troops — Israeli, Syrian and Palestinian — have left Lebanon.

## U.S. fails to bait Qaddafi

LONDON, March 16 (LOS) — New information from well-placed Arab sources suggests that last month's alleged Libyan plot against Sudan was in fact an American-inspired attempt to trap Col. Qaddafi into a military conflict.

The affair brought four American AWACS surveillance aircraft to Egypt and the mighty nuclear-powered aircraft carrier *Nimitz* to the sea off Libya. According to the official Washington version of events, Libya, using sympathizers in the Sudanese Army, had mounted a major conspiracy to assassinate President Numeiri of Sudan on Feb. 18 and install a new regime backed by a Libyan invasion force.

But American intelligence intercepted the plotters' messages — the inept fellows apparently used commercial communications between Sudan and Libya — and tipped off Numeiri who promptly had the plotters rounded up.

Before the threat was defused, President Reagan, responding to an Egyptian request for assistance, ordered the AWACS to Egypt to provide early warning of any Libyan move and sent the *Nimitz*, with its air squadrons, to Libya to protect the AWACS from Libyan fighters.

By Feb. 20 the crisis was over. Secretary of State George Shultz summed it up: "The net of it all is that the president of the United States acted quickly and decisively and effectively, and, at least for the moment, Qaddafi is back in his box where he belongs."

So much for the American version. Right away a few holes appeared in it. For one thing, Reagan, who was supposed to have ordered the military movements, seemed totally unaware of anything untoward when questioned about the "crisis" at a press conference on Feb. 16.

Egypt, moreover, with some exasperation denied that it had asked for American help, although Sudan, long at odds with Qaddafi and host to his most dangerous Libyan opponents, continued to make much of the "Libyan conspiracy" and the timely way it had been thwarted.

Clearly the published version was not the whole story. Reliable local sources have now come up with information which rewrites large parts of it to produce an altogether more credible version.

Far from uncovering a major Libyan plot, what the Americans did intercept was an inquiry to Qaddafi from a handful of Sudanese dissidents probing for his reaction in the event of their attempting a coup. His reply was that if they could pull it off, he would be with them. The U.S. shared this information with Sudan and with Egypt.

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Ronald Reagan



Muammar Qaddafi

## Price war spells doom-- Oteiba

ABU DHABI, March 16 (AP) — The oil minister of the United Arab Emirates has noted a new crude price by the Soviet Union and warned that "all will be losers" if the world's oil producers "ent into a discount race."

Mana Said Oteiba made the statement Tuesday to the official UAE news agency, WAM, upon arriving here after grueling OPEC talks in London that produced a new arrangement on sharing the shaky oil market.

Oteiba was asked by the agency about reports that the Soviet Union had undertaken a new cut of \$1.25 in its Urals exports to Europe, to \$28 per barrel, less than 24 hours after OPEC lowered its benchmark to \$29 per barrel, from a previous level of \$34. "A discount race will bring no gains to any part," he said. "All will be losers."

Oteiba said he had found British Energy Secretary Nigel Lawson "and other countries such as Norway and Mexico responsive" to OPEC's best for cooperation on the world market.

## Kohl locked in battle over posts

BONN, March 16 (R) — West German Chancellor Helmut Kohl was locked in battle over posts and policies with right-wing leader Franz Josef Strauss Wednesday as an open power struggle developed over the future shape of his coalition government.

The Bavarian Christian Social Union (CSU), sister party of Kohl's Christian Democrats (CDU), demanded that Strauss, its leader, be allowed to take his pick of cabinet jobs.

The call, published in the CSU newspaper *Bayernkurier* as the third round of coalition talks began, angered Christian Democratic officials who said the CSU leader's public bid for power was becoming increasingly embarrassing and unseemly.

The 67-year-old Bavarian leader Wednesday submitted a long paper demanding changes in foreign policy strongly opposed by

## 16m birds vanish from Pacific atoll

WASHINGTON, March 16 (R) — More than 16 million birds have mysteriously vanished from the Pacific atoll of Christmas Island, the first recorded disappearance of an entire island adult bird population, a California scientist has said.

Ralph Schreiber, curator of ornithology at the National History Museum of Los Angeles County, said 14 million sooty terns, at least 1.5 million wedge-tailed shearwaters and one million birds of 16 other species had left their island home in the second half of 1982. Thousands of the birds' nestlings had been left behind to die, he told Reuters.

Dr. Schreiber, who has studied birds and mammals in the central Pacific for more than 15 years, said Christmas Island was teeming

with birdlife when he visited it last July but was virtually deserted on a second visit in November.

Speculating that a drastic change in oceanic conditions might have forced the exodus, he said: "I'm sure that many of them will have died."

He said since last April the area around Christmas Island had experienced unusual climatic changes causing the sea level to rise about seven inches (18 cm) and ocean temperatures to drop about seven degrees Fahrenheit (four degrees Celsius).

Dr. Schreiber said this might have forced the birds' sole food supply, fish and squid, to leave top waters, luring the sooty terns, shearwaters and other birds after them.

## To strike interim accord Reagan ready to drop zero option--Lubbers

WASHINGTON, March 16 (AP) — President Ronald Reagan is prepared to seek an interim agreement in the deadlocked talks with the Soviet Union on limiting nuclear missiles in Europe, Netherlands Prime Minister Ruud Lubbers said Tuesday night.

This would mean temporary abandonment by the U.S. president of his "zero option" goal, although Lubbers made clear that Reagan and the allies remain committed to that objective over the long run.

Lubbers' evening conversation with reporters followed by several hours a luncheon meeting with Reagan. Earlier, White House press secretary Larry Speakes had said Reagan had made no final decision on an interim proposal.

"The zero option remains the central theme and the central goal of the Western position," Lubbers said. "I also understood today that that is the position of the president. The question is, how do we come to this result? There he is also prepared to discuss an interim solution."

Asked whether Reagan used the term "interim solution" in his talks, Lubbers replied, "I'm not 100 percent certain he used that phrase but the preparedness to negotiate steps — that cannot be doubted."

After his meeting with Reagan, Lubbers said the discussions at the arms control talks in Geneva must involve some flexibility from the Soviet side as well. "The Soviets have to understand that Geneva talks have to become now Geneva negotiations," he said.

Meanwhile, a senior White House official, speaking on condition that he not be identified, acknowledged Tuesday night that some consideration was being given to modifying Reagan's original European arms reduction proposal as pressure from U.S. allies mounts for such a step.

After the luncheon, another senior administration official, speaking on condition he not be identified, said the two leaders talked about their "general agreement" on the need to modernize the NATO's nuclear force in Europe at the same time an agreement is sought with the Soviet Union on reducing such weapons.

The U.S. House of Representatives was expected to pass a resolution urging a "mutual and verifiable" U.S.-Soviet freeze on nuclear weapons.

Advocates contend that the freeze is a vitally needed first step toward curbing the arms race. But opponents of the non-binding measure say it will undercut U.S. arms control negotiators and may increase — rather than reduce — the danger of war.

About 5,000 supporters of the nuclear freeze movement rallied at the U.S. Capitol last week and visited congressmen to lobby for the freeze. Ballot referendums favoring a freeze have won the endorsement of voters in nine states, 12 countries and 22 cities.

Republican Sen. Charles Percy also called last weekend for a new U.S. offer in the Geneva arms talks. But Gen. Bernard Rogers, U.S. and NATO commander in Europe, told a Senate armed services subcommittee Wednesday he hoped the president would "not be too hasty" in making a new proposal on reducing U.S. and Soviet missiles in Europe.

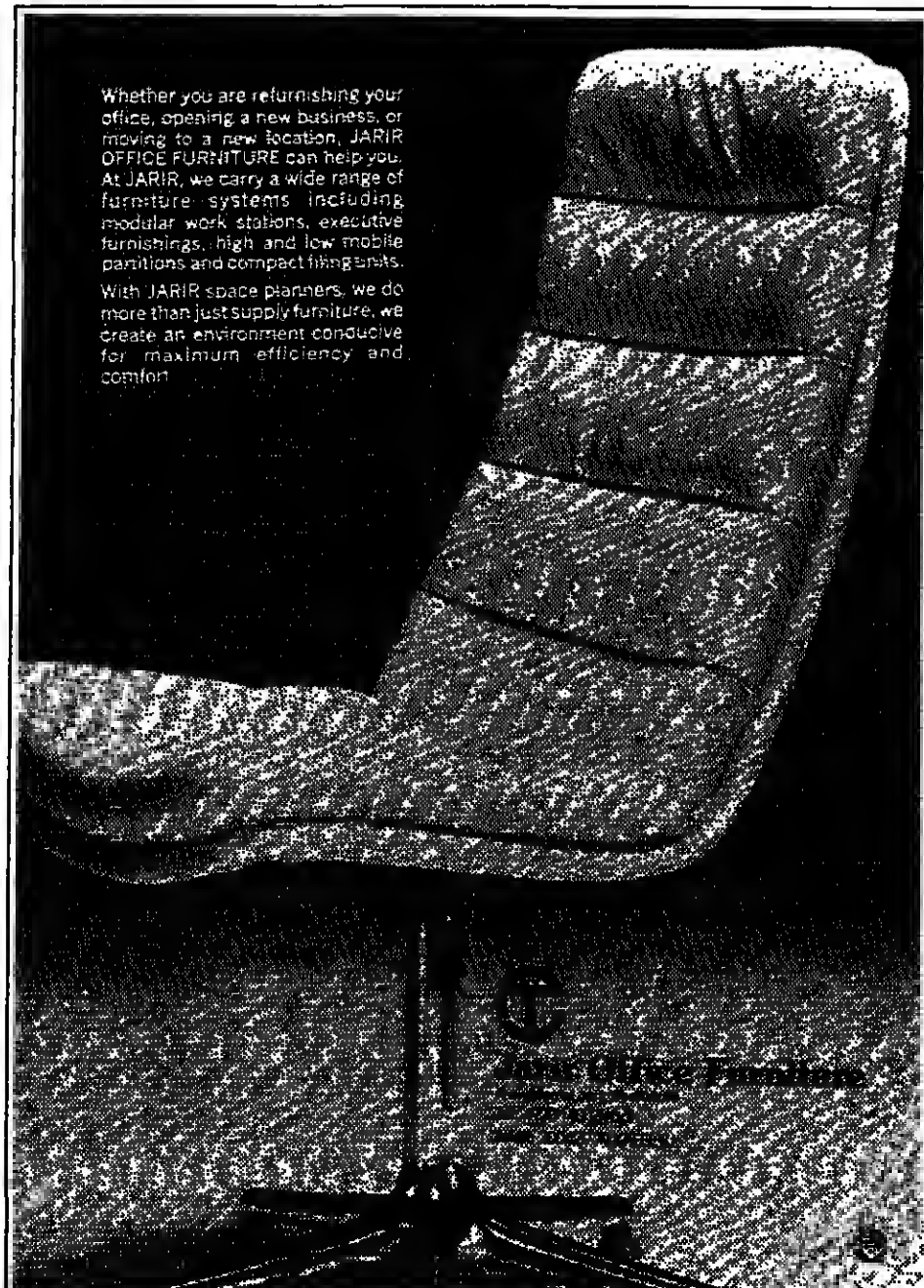
## Madman's art gets top price

LONDON, March 16 (AP) — A Victorian painting by the mad artist-murderer Richard Dadd sold in London Tuesday night for a world record 550,000 pounds (\$830,500), auctioneers Sotheby's said.

"It was a record for any Victorian painting. We were amazed by the price," said Sotheby's spokeswoman Candy Arfwedson. The previous record was 224,000 pounds (then \$492,800 when the pound was worth more) in 1979 for an oriental scene in Cairo by John Frederick Lewis.

The Dadd work was bought by the Fine Art Society, art dealers in London's Bond Street. The 30-inch (76-cm) wide painting depicts Oberon and Titania in Shakespeare's *A Midsummer Night's Dream*. They are surrounded by finely detailed fairies, demons, flowers, insects and foliage.

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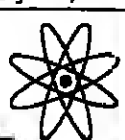


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## Anti-bribery measures continuing, Naif affirms

By S. Siddhamed  
Riyadh Bureau

RIYADH, March 16 — "Procedures for combating bribery are continuing before and after my last remarks and I hope that with the help of God and citizens we will eradicate bribery whenever it exists," Interior Minister Prince Naif has told *Arab News*.

Prince Naif was answering a question as to whether certain measures against bribery will be applied after his remarks on the matter earlier this week during the Saudi Arabian businessmen's conference held in Dammam. The prince called on businessmen to help stem bribery.

Prince Naif was attending the graduation ceremony of university and industrial security officers which was held here Wednesday morning. The ceremony was also attended by Dr. Ibrahim Al-Awagi, undersecretary of the Interior Ministry and Gen. Abdullah Abdul Rahman Al-Sheikh, head of the public security. Of the 155 officers graduated 46 were

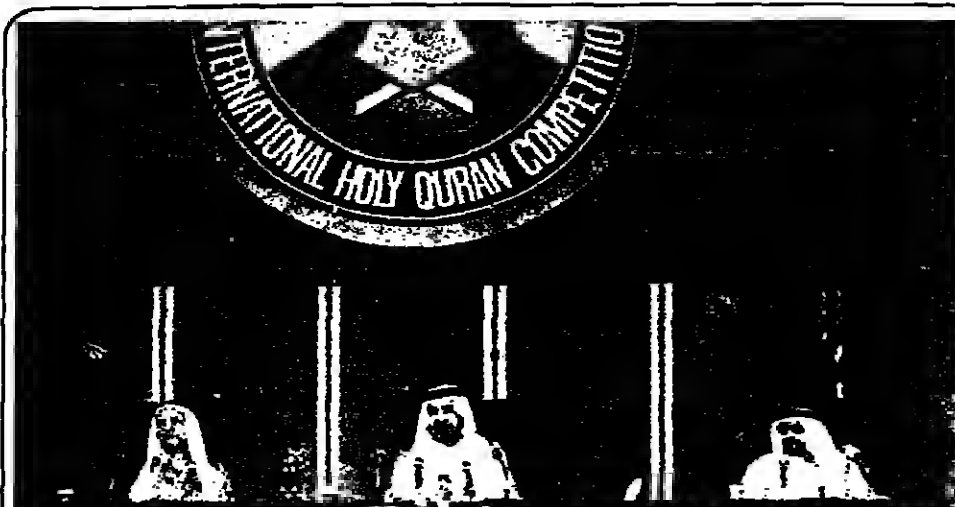
the first batch of the industrial security. The officers' institute was established in 1969 to provide training for officers, especially university graduates to enable them to adapt to military life. A total of 915 officers have graduated from the institute since its establishment.

The trainees take courses in various prison, criminal and general discipline fields. The courses range from 16 to 21 weeks.

After the ceremony, Prince Naif expressed his joy over the occasion, wishing good luck for the graduates and hoping that they serve their country in the best manner.

Prince Naif declared that the floods which hit Riyadh and other areas in the Central Province over the past three days have been contained and that there is no need to call more reserves from the Eastern or Western Provinces.

Riyadh and areas like Bani Tamim and Dammam, some 120 kilometers north of Riyadh have witnessed some floods.



**HOLY QUR'AN COMPETITION:** Makkah Governor Prince Majed, acting on behalf of King Fahd, opened the Fifth Annual International Holy Qur'an Competition in Makkah Tuesday night. In a speech delivered on his behalf by Prince Majed, King Fahd noted that Muslims who had set out from this holy country to various parts of the world carried with them above all the Qur'an message. "Through these teachings they helped relieve the people's sufferings and restored stability and dignity to them," King Fahd said. The King stressed the need for adhering to the Qur'an and Islamic teachings. Picture shows Prince Majed, center, delivering his speech. At left is Minister of Pilgrimage and Endowments Abdul Wahab Abdul Wasil.

## Duke of Kent pays visit to Kingdom

By Suresh Shah  
Arab News Staff

JEDDAH, March 16 — The Duke and Duchess of Kent were scheduled to arrive here Wednesday night on a friendly visit to the Kingdom, according to a British Embassy spokesman.

The spokesman told *Arab News* the royal couple is coming here in response to the visit of the late King Khaled to Britain. "The visit will strengthen ties between the two countries," he added.

They will be in Jeddah until Saturday and will meet Prince Majed, governor of Makkah. They will stay in Riyadh until Monday and visit the National Guard and Armed Forces hospitals.

The Duke of Kent, 47, is a cousin of both



The Duke and Duchess of Kent

Queen Elizabeth and Duke of Edinburgh. His father was the fourth son of King George V, and his mother, Princess Marina, was the daughter of Prince Nicholas of Greece.

## Civil explosives' factories planned

Riyadh Bureau

RIYADH, March 16 — The Saudi-Chemical Company will construct between three to five civil explosives' plants throughout the Kingdom by the end of this year, a spokesman for the company told *Arab News*.

Last week the company signed an agreement with the Saudi-American Bank and Al-Bank Al-Saudi Al-Fransi to obtain medium-term outside financing totaling

SR120 million. The company refrained from disclosing the total cost of the project, adding that it is meeting the rest of the cost by using its own resources.

The Saudi-Chemical Company has been in the civil explosives business since its establishment in 1972 with a SR25 million paid-up capital. Shareholders are Mawarid Investment Ltd., Olayan Financial Company and Nitro-Nobel of Sweden.

## Inchcape chief here on short visit

By a Staff Writer

JEDDAH, March 16 — Lord Inchcape, president of Britain-based Inchcape Group, has arrived here on a short visit to the Kingdom to pay courtesy calls and meet personnel of various groups and associate companies.

Gray Mackenzie, which is now a subsidiary of Inchcape, has been in the Gulf for more

than 120 years. Its original activity was shipping agency work for the British India Steam Navigation Company, which ran the first mail service to the region.

The group now owns the largest fleet of marine craft in the Gulf and has played an active role in providing management and advisory services for the development and operation of various ports in the area.

## Dahlan leads team to Intelstat conference

By a Staff Writer

SYDNEY, March 16 — Rabea Dahlan, general manager of the Western Region's Saudi Telephone, Telegraph and Telex, is leading the Kingdom's delegation to the 54th Congress of Intelstat Council of Governors, which is currently being held in Sydney, Australia.

The congress is deliberating on the current situation of Intelstat and reviewing studies and plans to update Intelstat and provide it with modern technology to enable it to meet the growing telecommunication demand and to further facilitate communications among various countries.

Dahlan said the congress has discussed the procedures, precautions and final steps to

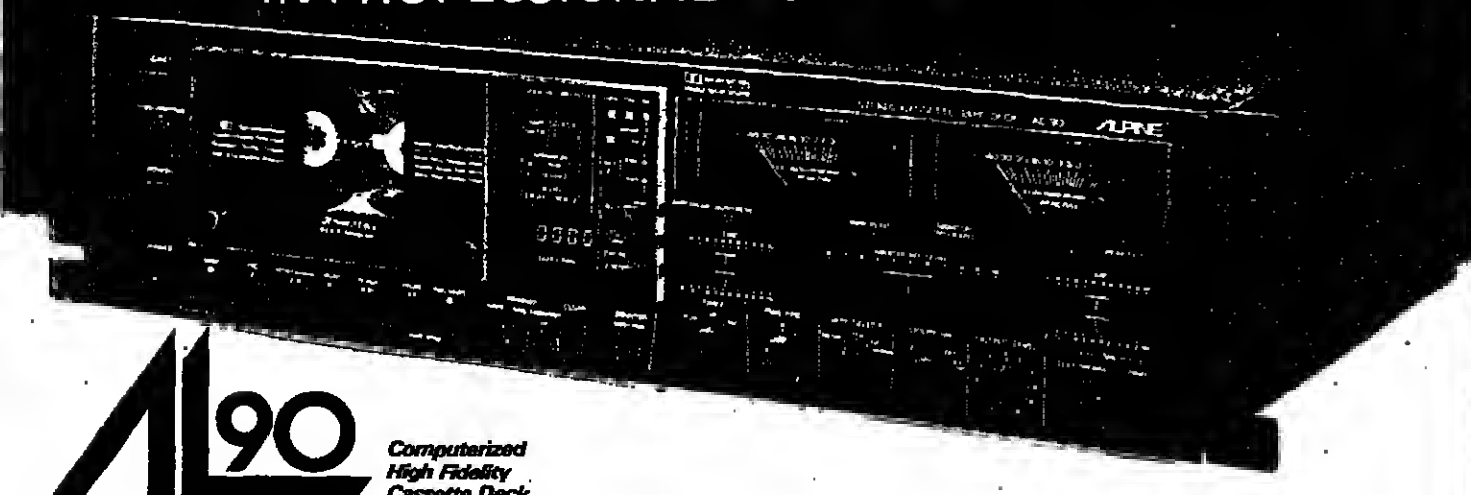
launch a new satellite bearing No. 6. Also discussed was the possibility of building two stations in the Atlantic area to increase the capacity of international telecommunications through satellites, he added.

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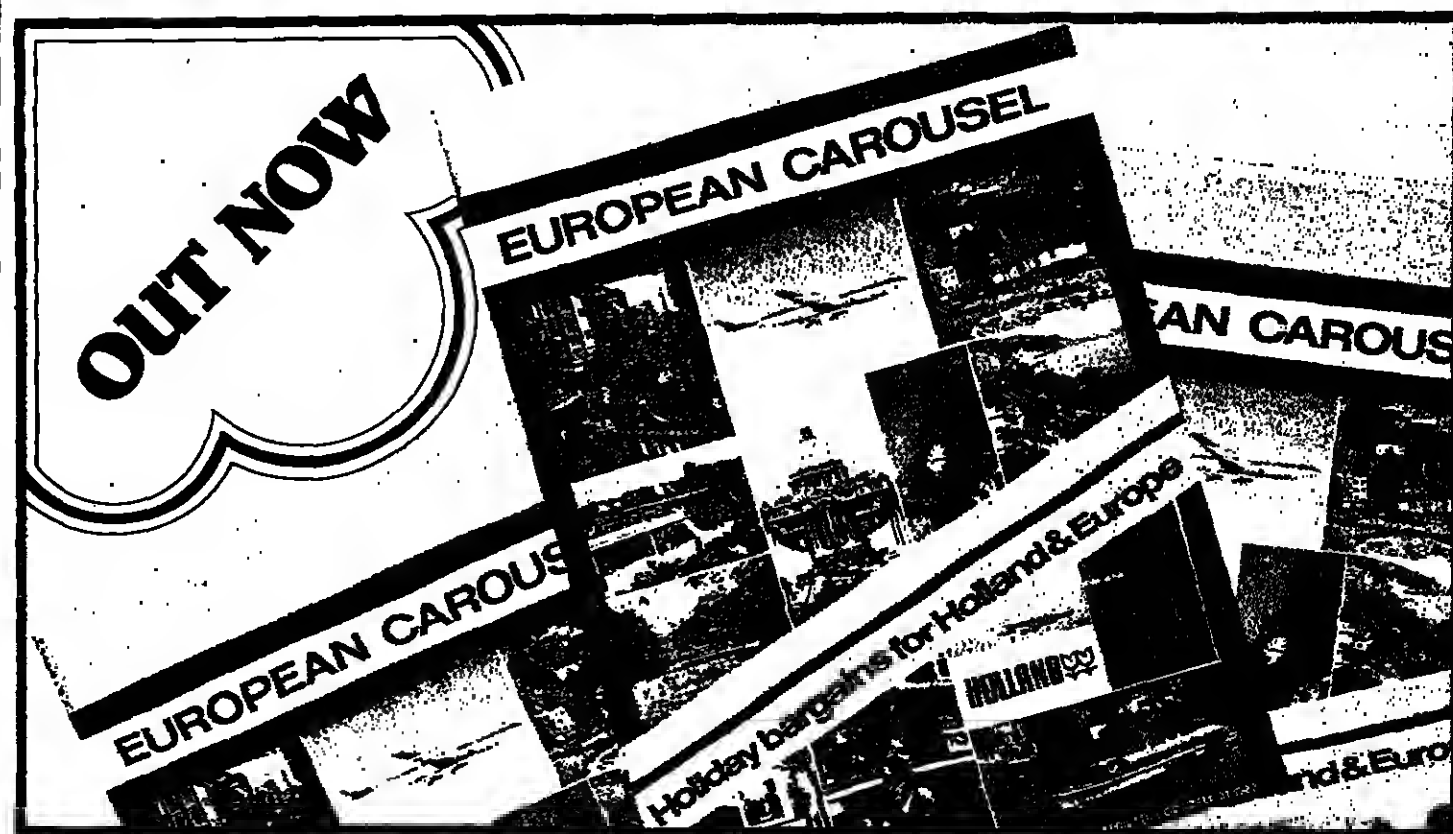
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## Sultan to chair civil service meeting

JEDDAH, March 16 — Prince Sultan, the second deputy premier and minister of defense and aviation, will preside over next Saturday a joint meeting of the Manpower and Civil Service Board. The meeting will discuss the development of manpower in the government machinery, *Al-Jazirah* reported Wednesday.

The agenda also includes a review of studies prepared by Saudi universities on the development of teaching policies. The meeting will be attended by Interior Minister Prince Naif, who is also the vice president of the Manpower Board; Deputy Interior Minister Prince Ahmad bin Abdul Aziz; Foreign Minister Prince Saud Al-Faisal and Prince Turki Al-Faisal.

Other ministers and senior officials and dignitaries who will attend the meeting include Muhammad bin Abdul-Khalil, the minister of finance and national economy; Planning Minister Hisham Nazer; Ibrahim Al-Anqari, the minister of labor and social affairs; Saleh Al-Husayyen, a former cabinet member; cabinet member

Muhammad Al-Milhem; cabinet member Muhammad Ibrahim Massoud; Dr. Ghazi Alqosaibi, the minister of industry and electricity and acting health minister; Education Minister Dr. Abdul Aziz Al-Khuwaiter; Higher Education Minister Hassan bin Abdullah Al-Sheikh; Abdul Wahhab Abdul Wasie, the minister of pilgrimage and endowments; Abdul Aziz Al-Tuwaijri, assistant deputy commander of the National Guard; Turki Al-Sudairi, the head of the Civil Service Board; and Dr. Abdul Wahhab Attar, governor of the General Organization for Vocational and Technical Training.

Meanwhile, Prince Abdul Rahman bin Abdul Aziz, the deputy minister of defense and aviation, Wednesday morning arrived in Nijran to inspect armed forces installations in the Southern Province. He was met at the airport by Nijran Governor Fahd Al-Khaled Al-Sudairi and other officials. Later, a luncheon was given in his honor at Bustan Al-Oraisa forest.



Prince Sultan

## Islamic judiciary systems explained in new book

JEDDAH, March 16 — "Organizing Judiciary in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia" is the title of a new book by Sheikh Hassan Abdullah Al-Sheikh, minister of higher education to be published by Tihama soon in the

Saudi Arabian book series. The minister deals in the various chapters of the book with the development of the legal system in the Kingdom giving historical background during the era of the Prophet and defining the legal procedure and its verdict.

The book deals in a complete chapter with the Kingdom's judicial system and dwells on the development of the Islamic judiciary and courts, their systems and procedure.

The book further deals with the general powers of the courts, their arrangement, jurisdiction and association with the Ministry of Justice. Another chapter deals with judiciary and notaries public, their appointment and disciplinary measures. The minister devotes a chapter to the new developments in the Kingdom's judiciary system such as the establishment of a grievance board and its jurisdiction.

The book, which is now having its final touches, is considered an important document listing the achievements and progress of the Kingdom's judiciary.

## GCC plans integration, coordination

RIYADH, March 16 (SPA) — Integration and coordination in all fields will characterize the upcoming Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) five-year plan according to Dr. Abdullah Al-Quwaiz, GCC assistant secretary-general for economic affairs.

Quwaiz told *Al-Bayan* that one of the distinguished steps on the road of industrial integration among the GCC states would be concluding a unified agreement on training. Industrial legislation, a joint industrial policy and a policy for the protection of some national industries like cement, iron, steel, aluminum and copper are under study, Dr. Quwaiz said. He said there are good recommendations on GCC integration in the commercial sector and strategic food reserves.

"The integration and development phase will lead to the expansion of production and investment bases in the Gulf region," he said. "Gulf countries enjoy the availability of financial resources which are rarely available in other developing countries."

"Moreover, the Gulf states encouraged and supported the private sector, which played a commendable role in achieving positive results for the national economy," Dr. Quwaiz said. "Gulf markets have attracted businessmen from various parts of the world in recent years and in view of the private sector's reputation for firm prices, quality goods and lasting commitments have resulted."

In efforts to strengthen such cooperation, a team of experts from Saudi Arabia, Bahrain and Kuwait have proposed a study on the feasibility of an electric power network linking GCC members. The move followed a meeting earlier this week attended by the experts who had been entrusted with considering the issue on behalf of all GCC members.



DAIRY TOUR: Irish Minister of Industry and Energy John Bruton is shown here touring the Saudi Irish Dairy Company in Riyadh where he was welcomed by P.M. Delahunty.

## Irish minister visits dairy in Riyadh

By A Staff Writer

RIYADH, March 16 — John Bruton, Irish minister of industry and energy, during his recent visit to the Saudi Irish Dairy here commended the firm's progress in the last two years and acknowledged the role of the company in the overall development of the dairy industry in Saudi Arabia.

The minister was on an official visit to the Kingdom and was accompanied by other officials and businessmen from Ireland.

Dairy General Manager P.M. Delahunty welcomed the minister on behalf of Managing Director Dr. S.A. Melibary and other directors of the company. Later the official was conducted on a tour of the factory, which is one of the largest and most sophisticated in the Middle East.

Saudi Irish Dairy is a joint venture between Dallah Industries and the Irish Dairy Board. Production is currently running at 50,000 liters of dairy products daily with an expected doubling in output by the end of the year.

## Air-India direct flights to Bombay

By Suresh Shah  
Arab News Staff

JEDDAH, March 16 — Air-India will introduce direct flights between Jeddah and Bombay every Tuesday, beginning next month, according to the airline's Western Region Manager, O. Sekharan.

He told *Arab News*, the flight will leave

Jeddah at 1535 hours and will reach Bombay the same day at 2250 hours (both local time). It will replace the present Sunday flight.

At present all flights are going via Kuwait, but this non-stop flight will be preferred by many because of the time saved, he added. The other two flights leaving Jeddah include one on Thursday at 2230 hours and the other on Friday at 0935 hours.

## March 21 painting contest scheduled

By A Staff Writer

JEDDAH, March 16 — An exhibition of children's paintings has been organized at the Redec Plaza Art Gallery here from March 21-24, and the ten top entries will be given prizes, according to gallery officer Hisham Ayyesh.

Children in the 6-10 age group will be eligible to enter the contest, Ayyesh told *Arab News*. Paintings should be based on mother-

hood or animal life.

Each participant is allowed to present only one picture of a size not exceeding 30 by 40 centimeters. Entries should be framed and should display the name, age and address of the participant. The entries should be delivered one day before the opening day.

"Last year we had a very good response to this competition, with 355 children participating," he said. "This year we expect nearly 400 entries."

## Education pact signed with Qatar

RIYADH, March 16 (SPA) — Saudi Arabia and Qatar here signed an agreement to facilitate cooperation in education and scientific and cultural fields. The agreement was signed by Higher Education Minister Hassan bin Abdullah Al-Sheikh and Qatari Education Minister Sheikh Muhammad bin Hamad Al-Thani.

It provides for coordination of the two countries' educational (policies) and promotion of cultural exchanges.

The accord also provides for the setting up of joint committee to be co-chaired by the

two countries' education undersecretaries to follow up its terms and to meet annually. It calls for the exchange of scholarships, teachers and expertise and results of research and studies.

The accord provides for facilitating cooperation in the field of educational policies, strategies for the development of educational plans, curricula and books.

In a statement to SPA, the higher education minister expressed hope that the accord would promote cooperation between the two GCC states and strengthen their relations.

## Austrian official lauds Kingdom's policy

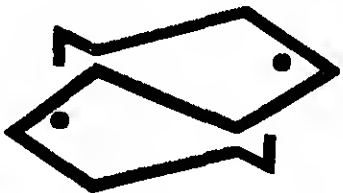
JEDDAH, March 16 (SPA) — The Kingdom's wide policy is aimed at ensuring world peace and security, Austrian Foreign Affairs Minister Dr. Willibald Pahr was quoted as saying in an interview published here.

He told *Al-Madina* that Saudi-Austrian relations were "close and strong."

Dr. Pahr reaffirmed his country's full support for the Palestinian people's rights to recover their land and establish an independent state on their own under the leadership of the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO).

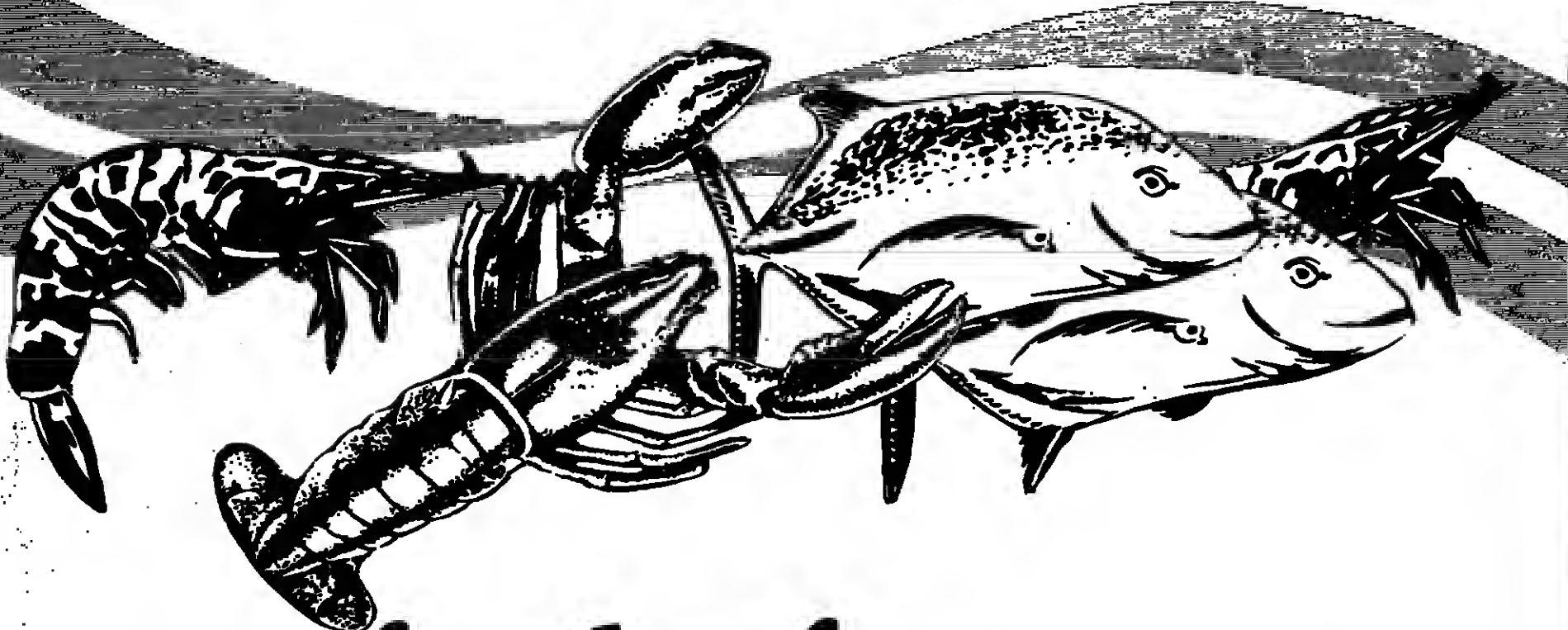
He called on the superpowers to endorse the Palestinian peoples' efforts to recover their legitimate rights.

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## Ten injured in attacks on U.S., Italian troops

BEIRUT, March 16 (Agencies) — Five U.S. Marines suffered superficial shrapnel wounds in the first grenade attack on the American contingent of Lebanon's multinational peacekeeping force on Wednesday, Marine Commander Col. James Mead said.

Mead told reporters a single grenade was tossed at a Marine patrol from a second-floor window at the end of a street connecting Beirut International Airport and the coastal road at the southern outskirts of the Lebanese capital.

Four of the injured Marines were evacuated by helicopter to U.S. Navy ships anchored off Beirut and one was treated at the Marine base in the airport, Mead said.

Guns also wounded five Italian soldiers here Tuesday night in the first attack on the Italian contingent. Two of the wounded soldiers were in critical condition, Lebanese police said. They were in a patrol of Italian vehicles that was hit by sub-machinegun fire from a car near the airport, several French soldiers were wounded by unknown gunmen in two attacks here a few weeks ago.

Mead said the Marines were put on a state of alert after gunmen ambushed the Italian contingent.

"We will not allow a single act of terrorism to stop us from our mission which is peace and peacekeeping. Our patrols must continue and they will continue," he said.

Asked if he thought the attacks on the Italians and Americans were related, Mead

replied: "One always wonders about that." He added that there was "insufficient information" to draw any conclusions yet.

The names of the injured Marines were withheld pending notification of relatives.

This was the first grenade attack on the 1,200-man American contingent in the 4,800-man peacekeeping force deployed in Beirut last September to help President Amin Gemayel re-establish control over the Lebanese capital.

A U.S. Marine suffered a superficial wound in the hand in late September from flying shrapnel when a car-bomb exploded about 40 meters from a Marine checkpoint in the Ouzai neighborhood.

Wednesday's attack came about 10 hours after the Italian patrol was ambushed on the airport highway.

Earlier Tuesday, gunmen in a speeding vehicle wounded several residents in the mountain town of Aley, southeast of here. There have been a series of clashes in that Israeli-controlled area between Druze and Christian militia.

In addition, a Syrian soldier was killed at the northern port of Tripoli when men in a car fired sub-machineguns and threw grenades at a group of people, the Lebanese news agency Al Markaziya reported.

Rockets were also fired at a Communist Party office there Tuesday following the deaths of three persons in a clash between Communist and militia on Monday.

## Young sees shift in U.S. policy

DUBAI, March 16 (WAM) — Andrew Young, former U.S. ambassador to the United Nations and mayor of Atlanta said in an interview published here Wednesday he noticed a shift in American Middle East policy and blamed former Secretary of State Alexander Haig for Israel's summer invasion of Lebanon.

"The present American policy in the Middle East is moving in the right direction, although it came belatedly and failed to prevent the Lebanese tragedy," Young, who is on a 4 day visit to the United Arab Emirates told the English-language *Khaleej Times*.

"By right direction, I mean a balanced and even-handed approach," he explained. "But it still depends on Jordan and the PLO being made to feel secure enough to enter into a dialogue as proposed by (President) Reagan plan on the Middle East."

Young, 51, had resigned his job as ambassador to the U.N. in the wake of Zionist-influenced protest against the administration of former President Jimmy Carter over a meeting he held with the PLO observer.

Young held Haig responsible for the Israeli invasion of Lebanon, because Haig being a man of military background as commander of the NATO forces, had much in common with the then Zionist war minister Ariel Sharon, who is often described as a "butcher" for his role in the killings of thousands of Palestinian and Lebanese civilians. "Both of them believe in military solutions to problems," Young said.

He said present Secretary of State George Shultz, who knew the Middle East better, was "largely responsible for the right direction."

"In the early days of his administration, President Reagan also believed in military solutions to problems, but he has been proved wrong in all such issues but now has a more balanced view of matters."

"The U.S. knew that the invasion of Lebanon was imminent and could have acted in time to stop it under the threat of withdrawing military support to Israel," he said. "But Haig not only did not forestall the invasion, but subtly encouraged it."

## BRIEFS

TRIPOLI (AP) — Libya and Surinam on Tuesday signed an agreement designed to promote bilateral cooperation in economic, cultural and trade fields. It was reported here.

KARACHI (R) — President Muhammad Zia Ul-Haq has described as astonishing an announcement by Bangladesh that it would normalize relations with the Soviet-backed government in Afghanistan.

ISLAMABAD (AP) — French Foreign Minister Claude Cheysson is scheduled to visit Pakistan March 28-30 for talks with President Gen. Muhammad Zia Ul-Haq and his Pakistani counterpart Sahabzada Yaqub Khan, the Foreign Ministry said Tuesday.

PARIS (AFP) — French doctors and nurses Wednesday stressed their readiness to return to Afghanistan to continue voluntary assistance despite the stiff eight-year sentence handed down by the Afghan authorities Sunday in Kabul against a French doctor accused of working with the freedom fighters.

DHAKA (R) — Eighteen Islamic countries have agreed to support Bangladesh's candidature for the post of secretary-general of the Organization of Islamic Conference, a Foreign Ministry spokesman said Tuesday.

BAGHDAD (R) — Iraq said Tuesday night its forces killed six Iranians and destroyed two army trucks, two observation posts and an ammunition depot in Gulf war fighting over the past 24 hours.

NICOSIA (AP) — Iran's Foreign Minister Ali Akbar Velayati said Tuesday Iran will continue to fight the Iraqi regime "until we regain our rights."

CAIRO (R) — Minister of Defense Muhammad Abdul Halim Abu Ghazala Tuesday said that current Egyptian military exercises were not related to last month's Sudanese-Libyan border tension.

KARACHI (R) — Prince Karim Aga Khan, leader of the world's 15 million Ismaili sect, arrived in Karachi Tuesday.

## Al-Azhar millennium festivities begin tomorrow

CAIRO, March 16 (AP) — After a seven-year delay, authorities feel their relations with other Arab states and with religious groups at home have improved enough to go ahead with celebrations marking the 1,000th anniversary of Islam's greatest educational center.

Week-long festivities will begin Friday marking the founding of Al-Azhar, the mosque and university complex that grew into the foremost center of Islamic studies for the world's 800 million Muslims.

The anniversary was to have been marked in 1976. But it was delayed because of tension between Egypt and other Arab states, which opposed the late President Anwar Sadat's strategy for Middle East peace.

"We found that celebrations during this period of disagreement among Arabs would not fulfill our aim," Muhammad Tayeb Naggar, rector of Al Azhar University, said in a recent press conference.

"But when the storm calmed down, the celebration became possible."

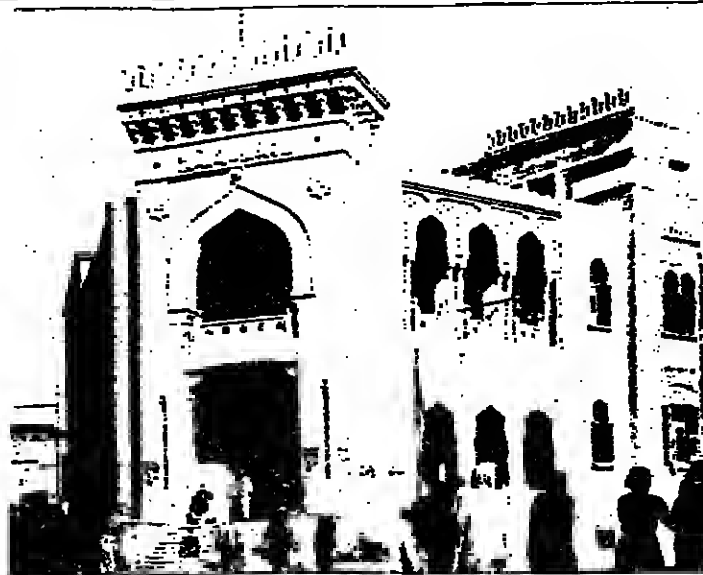
Naggar also cited the internal political situation in Egypt in 1976 as another reason for the delay. He did not elaborate, but he was apparently referring to allegations at the time that Libyan agents were trying to stir opposition to Sadat, especially among Muslim activists.

The Egyptian government also apparently feared that security would be impossible at any large-scale celebration, especially where religious fervor would be running high.

Egypt has full diplomatic relations with only three Arab states, but most of the other 17 have opened missions in Cairo, and trade and cultural ties have been expanded in the last two years.

Representatives of Arab and Islamic countries have been invited to the ceremonies Naggar said.

Since President Hosni Mubarak took power in October 1981 after Sadat's murder, a government crackdown has largely silenced the opposition. Mubarak told the Associated Press in an interview last



Al-Azhar University

January that Egyptians are "more relaxed" now than in the past.

Al-Azhar's history goes back to the earliest days of Muslim rule in Egypt, and its origins are closely linked to those of Cairo itself.

As Cairo developed into the cultural capital of the Arab world, Al-Azhar emerged as a spiritual center. From the early mosque schools, where young boys memorized the Qur'an, grew a full-fledged university, which today has 120,000 students at 35 branches throughout Egypt.

Throughout its history, Al-Azhar has served as a center for mobilization of popular movements against foreign colonizers as well as being a renowned institute for Islamic and academic studies.

Preachers at Al-Azhar frequently whipped up popular anti-British sentiment during the British occupation of Egypt between 1882 and 1954. When the British, French and Israelis mounted the Suez invasion of 1956, then President Gamal Abdul Nasser vowed resistance from the pulpit of Al-Azhar mosque.

Naggar, in an interview with the Associated Press, said that besides the original colleges of Islamic law, Arabic language and fundamentals of Islam, the university now has modern colleges for medicine, engineering, commerce and other academic studies.

The mosque, with four domes and five minarets, is being renovated in honor of its millennium.

## Soviets poised to launch new Afghan offensive

ISLAMABAD, March 16 (Agencies) — Soviet-Afghan forces have been pouring military reinforcements into southeast Afghanistan along the Pakistani border in preparation for a massive offensive aimed at wiping out resistance strongholds in the area, Western diplomats here said.

They say an estimated 20,000 troops and heavy convoys have been moved into Kandahar, Ghazni, Cardex and Jalalabad in recent weeks, and that surveillance flights have begun criss-crossing the region.

Afghan resistance leaders are bracing for a vast coordinated Soviet-Afghan effort aimed

at reopening highways and stemming infiltration by Mujahideen opposition from Pakistan, diplomats say.

They said a Soviet regiment and nearly 100 light tanks were moved into the Nangarhar province capital of Jalalabad late last month to clean up resistance strongholds.

A Soviet Antonov-26 troop transport plane was shot down by resistance positions near the city on March 6, killing the estimated 25 to 55 soldiers — Afghan or Soviet — aboard, the diplomats said.

The resistance has been stepping up attacks on military convoys around Kandahar

and Ghazni, pressing advance posts set up to defend the cities, and controlling the Panjwai district which oversees the Kandahar-Herat Highway.

"The Russians are going to attack in a month, when the snow is melted and the roads are dry," said Pakia province resistance chief Maulavi Jalaluddin Haqqani.

He said the Red Army aimed to break resistance sieges on numerous Soviet-Afghan posts along the Pakistani frontier and to reopen roads to the garrison city of Khost in eastern Pakia, scene of massive desertions by government troops this winter.

## Belgian move worries Arabs

BRUSSELS, March 16 (AP) — Five Arab ambassadors and the Arab League representative in Brussels met with Belgian Minister of Justice Jean Gol to express their concern about his plans to limit immigration to Belgium.

Gol has announced he would table a bill giving municipalities the power to refuse to register immigrants. This followed the controversial and illegal decision already taken by some Brussels suburbs to block the number of their Arab residents.

The number of foreigners in Belgium is close to 10 percent of the population. In Brussels, it is 20 percent and in some poor suburbs it is close to half the population. The minister will also propose to ease naturalization regulations.

The ambassadors of Morocco, Algeria, Tunisia, Jordan and Qatar and the Arab League spokesman expressed their concern about racism and xenophobia which could increase in Belgium and about problems already faced by migrant workers.

The minister reassured his will to fight any racism and xenophobia and his wish that Belgium remains a friendly country for immigrants. He explained his bill and said he wanted to keep in contact with them.

## PLO urged to join peace parleys

CAIRO, March 16 (AP) — President Hosni Mubarak says the opportunity for a Mideast settlement will be "lost completely" unless the Palestine Liberation Organization agrees with Jordan to join peace talks.

He spoke Tuesday to members of parliament of his ruling National Democratic Party. His remarks were relayed to reporters by Information Minister Sawaf Sherif.

"I had expected that in the light of the meeting of the Palestine National Council there would be serious and speedy movement to seize the available opportunity and start negotiations," Mubarak said.

## Cholera toll 15,000 in Bangladesh

DHAKA, March 16 (AP) — About 15,000 persons have died of cholera in different parts of Bangladesh during the last seven months, the daily *Dinaj* reported Wednesday.

The worst-hit areas were Barisal, Patuakhali, Jessore, Khulna and Rajshahi districts in the western belt of the country, it said.

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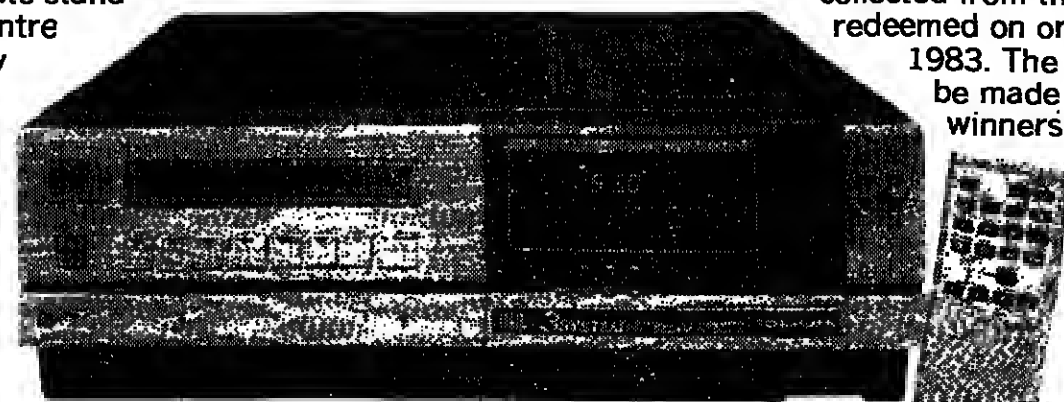
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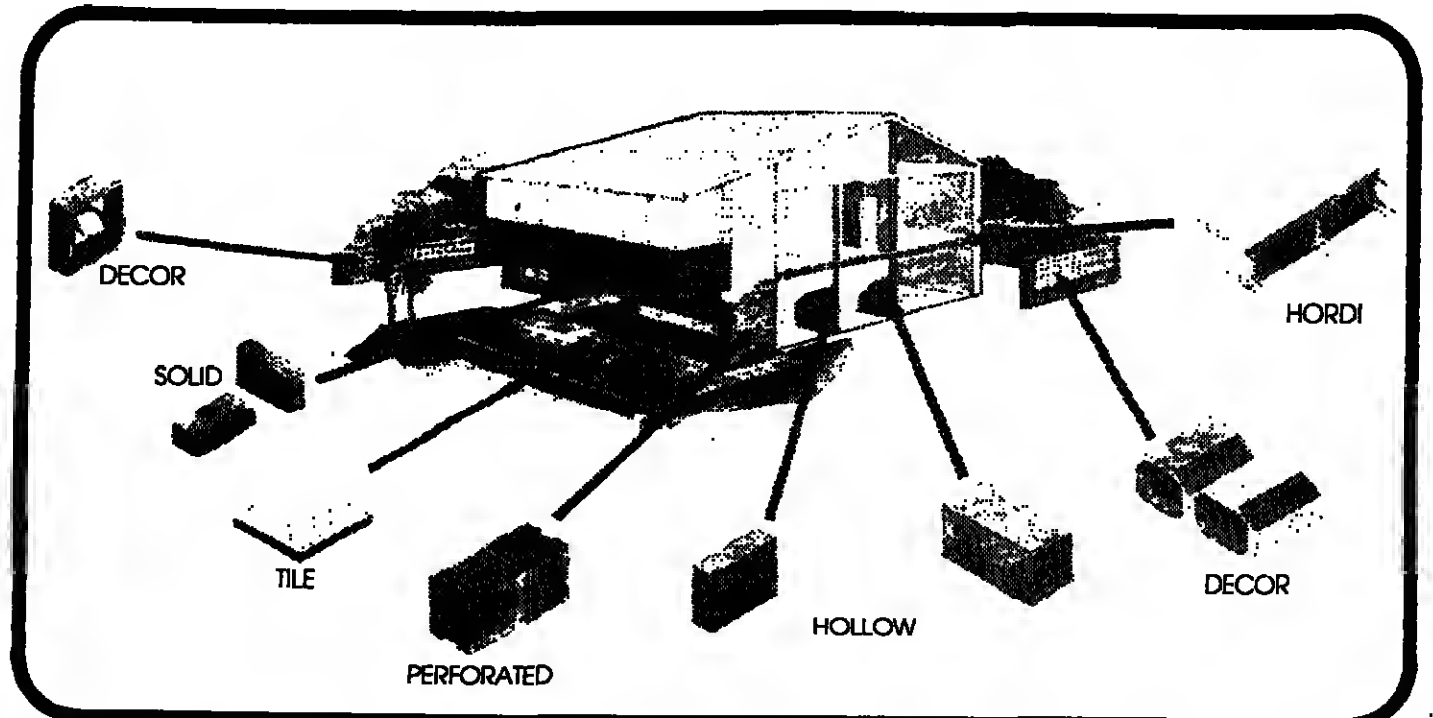
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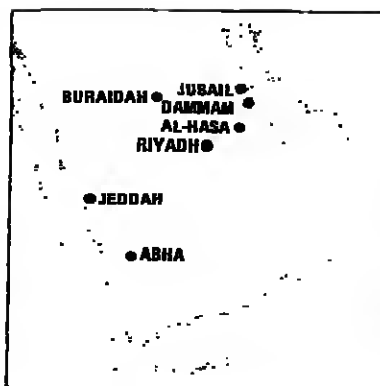
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## Barbie entered U.S. 4 times, records say

WASHINGTON, March 16 (AP) — Launching its investigation into the relations between U.S. intelligence and twice-convicted Nazi war criminal Klaus Barbie, the U.S. government on Tuesday released records showing that Barbie entered the United States four times in 1969-70 on an official Bolivian passport.

Allan A. Ryan Jr. of the Justice Department assumed command of the investigation and said its purpose would be to "set forth the facts of any relationship between Barbie and the U.S. government from 1946 on, and as much as possible, release those to the public."

Acknowledging that he was unaware at this point of any crimes that may have been committed on which the statute of limitations has not yet run out, Ryan said "our purpose is not tied to prosecutable or criminal conduct" but he said he would address the need for either prosecution or legislation if he uncovered any information warranting either.

Attorney General William French Smith reversed himself Monday under congressional and White House pressure and agreed to order the investigation. Ryan outlined the following questions he intended to investigate:

- Did the U.S. Army counterintelligence corps have a relationship with Barbie after the allied victory in Europe in World War II?
- Did U.S. officials shield Barbie from French authorities who wanted to try him for war crimes in 1949 and did they help arrange his flight to Bolivia from Europe in 1951?
- Was there a relationship between the U.S. government and Barbie during his stay in Bolivia, which lasted from 1951 until his expulsion from that country last Feb. 6?
- What was Barbie doing for the government of Bolivia during that time?
- Was there any U.S. involvement in Barbie's four known entries under an assumed name into the United States?

The department released immigration landing and departure records which showed that Barbie entered the United States under the name Klaus Altmann at Miami four times: July 29 and July 26, 1969, and twice on Jan. 21, 1970. The immigration records showed that he left the United States July 27, 1969, Jan. 21, 1970, and Feb. 8, 1970.

Ryan said he could not explain why the available records showed one more entry than departure.

On the records Barbie acknowledged that he was born in Berlin, Germany, on Oct. 25, 1915. Two of the records indicated that he was planning to stay in or had visited in New Orleans and San Francisco. The records also showed that he arrived at least once from the Bahamas rather than Bolivia.

The Miami Herald has reported that Barbie

bought arms and ammunition in the United States and had them shipped to Bolivia.

One of the immigration documents showed Barbie's U.S. address as the Ayers Steamship Co. in New Orleans. The company's president, William Ayers, told ABC News that Barbie hired his agency to haul general cargo between U.S. ports and South America.

Known as the "butcher of Lyons," Barbie was Gestapo chief in Lyons, France, from 1942 to 1944.

## Turin officials quit in scandal

ROME, March 16 (R) — The Turin administration offered to resign amid a bribery scandal, while President Sandro Pertini told senior magistrates in Rome to work as usual despite separate allegations of corruption.

A city hall spokesman in Turin said the resignation of the city's governing coalition of Communists, Socialists and Social Democrats would probably be formalized by the full council later this week.

Eight local officials including Socialist Deputy Mayor Enzo Biffi-Gentili and three other Socialist councilors were arrested last week for alleged corruption and the misuse of public office. Judicial letters warning of possible charges were also sent to the leaders of the city's Christian Democrat and Communist Parties, a city councilor and two regional councilors from the Socialist Party.

All the politicians involved have resigned from their administrative posts. Communist Mayor Diego Novelli, although not personally involved, has been criticized for failing to root out the alleged corruption.

A central figure in the Turin affair is Adriano Zampini, a 32-year-old businessman who is accused of channeling payments to local officials from business interests seeking lucrative public works contracts. Police investigations began after a local industrialist objected to paying bribes.

The scandal has soured relations at national level between the Socialists and Communists, and prompted charges that the Christian Democrats were exploiting it to tarnish left-wing administrations throughout Italy ahead of local government elections in the spring.

In Rome, judicial sources said President Pertini asked the 32-member superior Magistrates' Council to continue with business as usual.

## Chirac set to lead right

PARIS, March 16 (AFP) — While France's 21-month-old left-wing government succeeded in limiting its losses at last weekend's second-round of municipal elections, the real victor at the poll was Paris Mayor Jacques Chirac who looks better placed than ever to lead the right into the 1988 presidential election.

Since his May 1981 election defeat, former President Valéry Giscard d'Estaing's Union for French Democracy Party (UDF) and Chirac's neo-Gaullist Rally for the Republic Party (RPR) have been vying for leadership of the opposition.

Although both parties ran joint tickets in the vast majority of localities for the elections, by the day's end the RPR laid claim to being senior partner by winning 40 towns of more than 30,000 inhabitants to only 33 for the UDF.

As an added personal filip, Chirac, himself a former prime minister under Giscard d'Estaing, won re-election as mayor of Paris with a clean sweep in all 20 of the capital's constituencies. This result was a reversal of the last municipal poll in 1977, which ended in a rout of France's then ruling right which lost 61 major cities, leaving only 18 towns in the hands of the RPR as against 25 for then President Giscard's UDF.

Although the center-right UDF won nine more towns of over 30,000 residents, the party lost its fief of Chateaufort to the Socialists and, despite a favorable first-round vote, failed to snatch Marseilles from long-time Mayor and Interior Minister Gaston Defferre, a victory which would have matched, in the

## U.N. chief plans visit to Moscow

UNITED NATIONS, March 16 (R) — U.N. Secretary-General Javier Perez de Cuellar will visit Moscow from March 27 to 29 at the invitation of Soviet leader Yuri Andropov, a U.N. spokesman said.

Diego Cordovez, the secretary-general's special emissary on the Afghanistan question, will be in the party, raising belief that this subject will be among matters the U.N. side will want to discuss with Soviet officials.

Oleg Troyanovsky, the Soviet delegate, told U.N. reporters last week that Moscow was encouraging Perez de Cuellar's efforts to promote an Afghan settlement. Troyanovsky is expected to return home to join the talks.

Brian Urquhart, the secretary-general's principal adviser and head of U.N. peacekeeping operations, and the ranking Soviet official in the secretariat, Viacheslav Ustinov, will also attend. Perez de Cuellar will travel from Moscow to Paris, where he will preside over an administrative meeting of heads of U.N. agencies.

public eye, Chirac's Paris coup. Chirac presented a public image of dynamism, placing young candidates in a number of cities.

Chirac, well aware of the negative image of the UDF, kept his distance from their main leaders. Already the UDF has shown some resentment over the new balance within the opposition in the RPR's favor.

Within the opposition many believe it will be difficult to stop the Chirac bandwagon before the 1986 parliamentary elections to be followed by the 1988 presidential election.

Barre, long thought of as a possible alternative to Chirac, has for some months been standing above the political fray and instead pruned his image as a statesman in public meetings across the country.

If not, it looks as though Chirac will have the field to himself to do battle for the presidency when Francois Mitterrand's term ends in 1988.

## Brazil governors sworn in

RIO DE JANEIRO, March 16 (Agencies) — Brazil's most prominent Socialist, who fled a military coup in 1964 and spent the next 15 years in exile, completed an astonishing political comeback Tuesday when he was sworn in as governor of Rio de Janeiro state.

At a noisy and colorful ceremony here, Leonel Brizola, once the ruling generals' most hated and feared enemy, took charge of the country's second most important political power base for a four-year term. Brizola, 61, was one of 22 state governors who last November won elections widely interpreted as a vital stage in the government's program for restoring full democracy.

As a fiery orator and former governor of Rio Grande do Sul state, he was a prime target in the 1964 coup which ousted his left-leaning brother-in-law, President Joao Goulart. He returned from exile under a government amnesty in 1979, and the prospect of his victory in November was enough to send tremors through right-wing sections of the armed forces.

The opposition won 10 of 22 state governorships in the elections, including most of the larger, industrialized states.

Brizola's inauguration drew a number of foreign luminaries, including the widow of the slain Chilean President Salvador Allende Gossens, Hortensia, and former Presidents Luis Echeverria of Mexico and Carlos Andre Perez of Venezuela.

Also attending were representatives of Nicaragua's Sandinista government and El Salvador's rebel Revolutionary Democratic Front. Felipe Gonzales' Socialist government in Spain also sent a representative.

Surrounded by thousands chanting "we want Brizola for president of Brazil," the 60-year-old governor took office in Rio's state legislative chambers.

The ceremony was boycotted by military officials. But President Joao Figueiredo, the fifth former army general to lead this country



Jacques Chirac

## BRIEFS

NAIROBI (AFP) — Manufacturers of skin-lightening creams in Kenya are "hiding the truth" about dangerous components which the creams contained, Nairobi University biochemist Norah Olemba warns. Dr. Olemba warned that most skin lightening creams in Kenya contained dangerous chemicals such as hydroquinone, mercury and steroids. She cited currently much-used creams like Ambi, Venus de Milo, Clear-Tone, Envi, Princess Patra, Butone, Esoterica, Drula, Dorot and Soowfire which, she said, had dangerous levels of hydroquinone and mercury. "Drula, has an especially high level of three percent mercury and is very dangerous," Dr. Olemba warned.

CANBERRA (R) — Soviet Navy ships Wednesday recovered from the Indian Ocean what Australian defense officials believe was a military satellite. The officials said the satellite splashed down 300 miles south of the Cocos Islands, off Australia's west coast. It was taken aboard by the Soviet force, which included two guided missile destroyers, three space vehicle recovery ships, a support ship and a missile range instrumentation vessel.

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LONDON (AP) — Twelve persons went on trial Tuesday in Accra, capital of Ghana, on charges connected with an abortive coup Nov. 23 to topple the military government of Flight Lt. Jerry Rawlings. Accra radio reported. The radio, monitored in London, said the 12 included businessman Kwame Pianim and a group of military non-commissioned officers and enlisted men. The radio said that 12 other key figures in the abortive putsch, including several officers, still have not been captured.

NEW DELHI (AFP) — At least eight passengers were killed and over 70 injured, some seriously, in a collision between two suburban trains near the Howrah railway station in Calcutta early Wednesday, according to a railway spokesman. The Press Trust of India News Agency, however, said the final death toll could be much higher.

LOS ANGELES (R) — Barbara Bel Geddes, who plays Miss Ellie in the television series "Dallas", was in stable condition Wednesday after heart surgery, a studio spokesman said. Miss Bel Geddes, 60, underwent the 4½ hour operation to bypass blocked arteries after complaining of chest pains.

MUNICH, West Germany (R) — A 42-year-old secretary went on trial here accused of providing the East German secret service with plans of a West German fighter-bomber base. A federal prosecutor accused Ingborg Behnisch, secretary to the commander of the base at Memmingen, of spying for six months until her arrest on July 9 last year.

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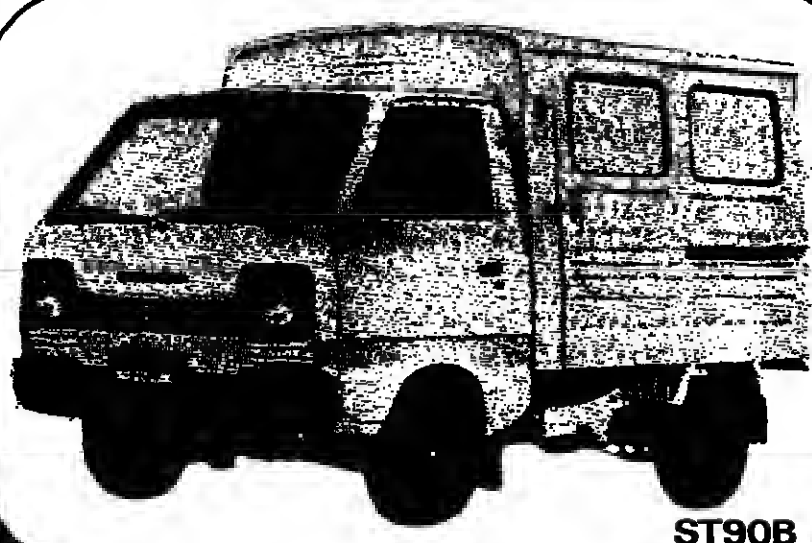
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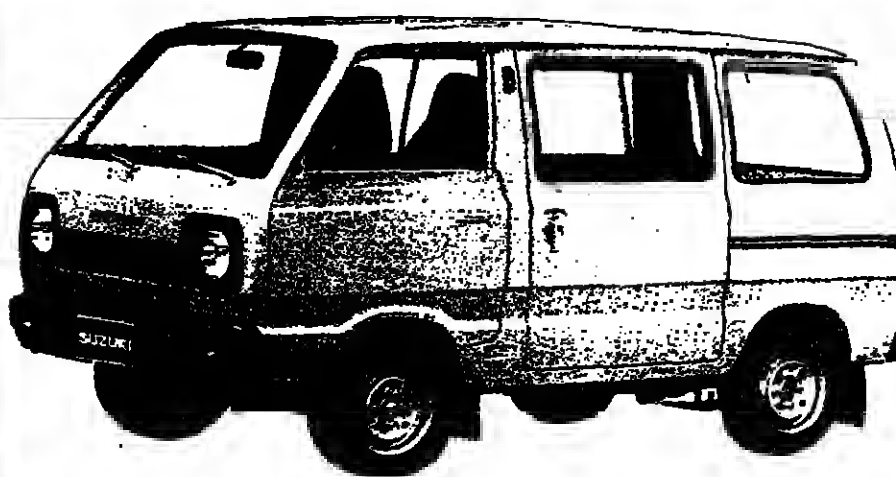
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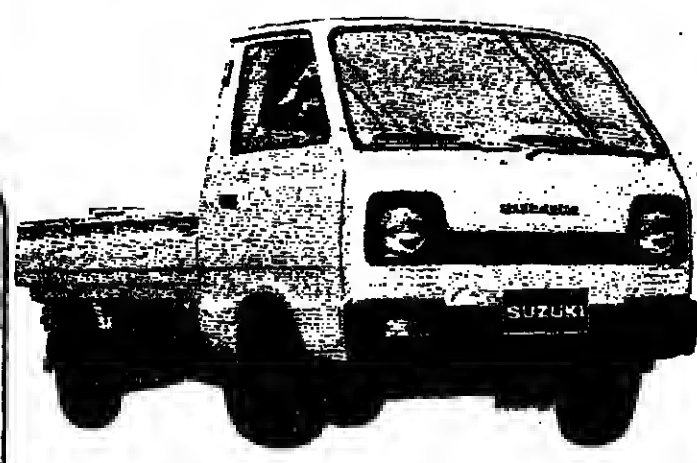


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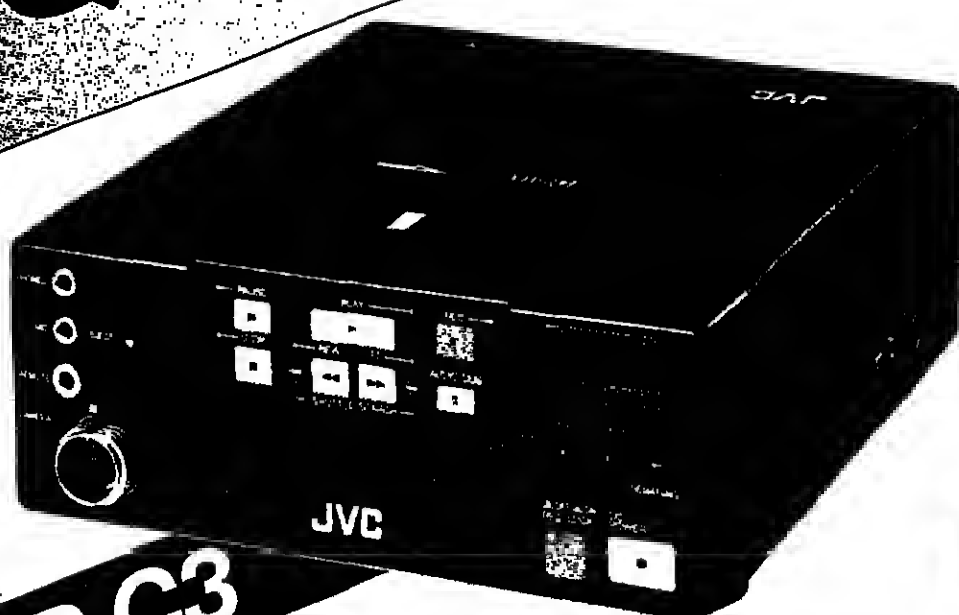
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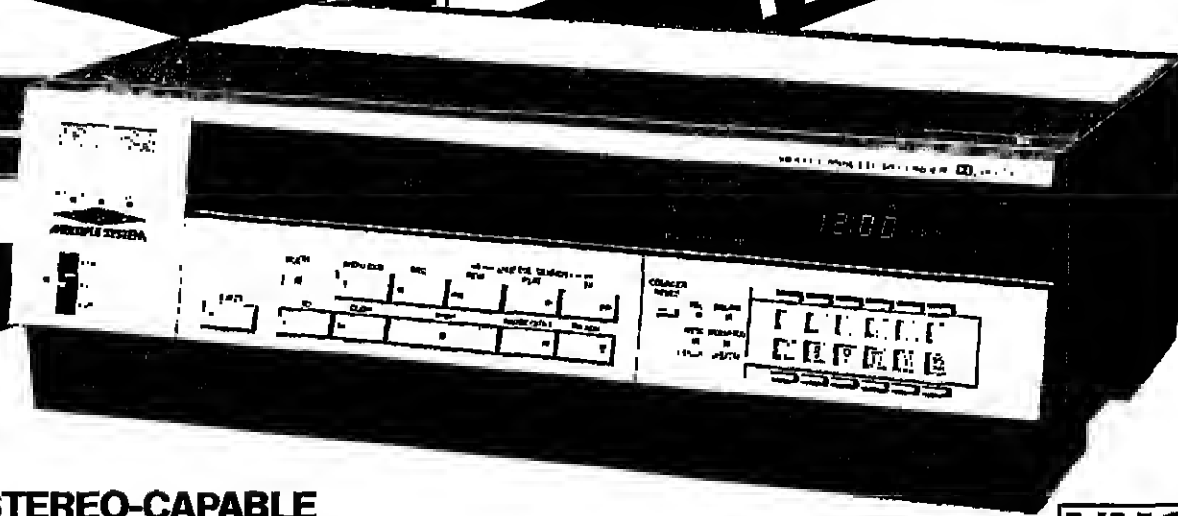
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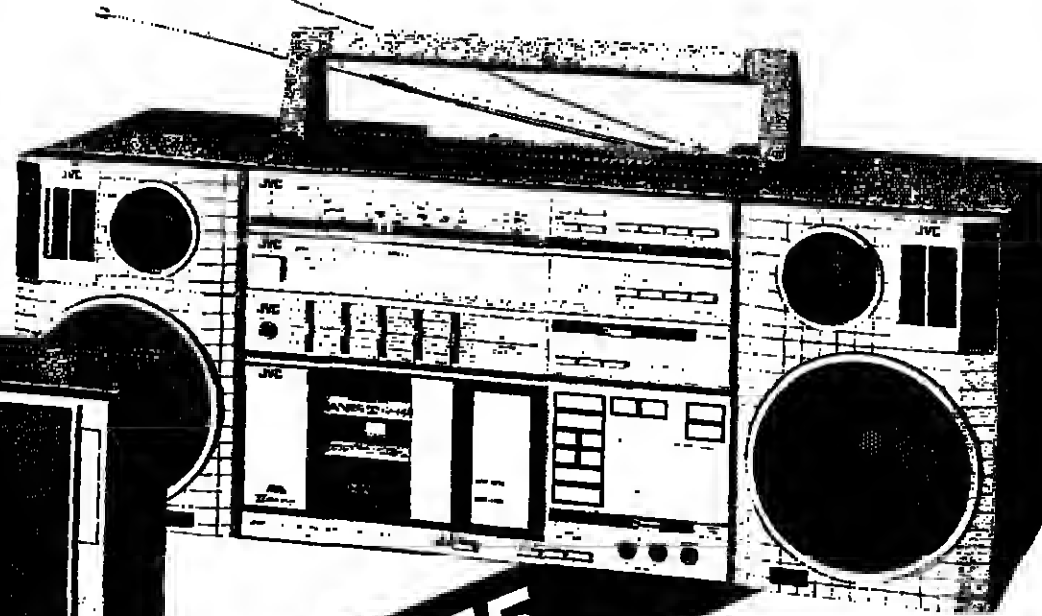


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## BRITAIN'S BUDGET

The British budget announced Tuesday has a clear pre-election flavor about it. £1,500 million is being given away in tax cuts, increased welfare benefits and support for industry. Unlike previous budgets by the chancellor, Sir Geoffrey Howe, where the central theme was always cutting back public-sector borrowing requirements, the key issue this year is the need to encourage enterprise and improve the environment for industry and allow it to prosper. This no doubt says much about Howe's confidence that Britain is now out of the recession — and there certainly was more than a note of optimism in his speech about British economic prospects from now on — but on analysis, there is very little depth to the whole budget.

To benefit most from the new measure, a Briton has to be earning either £3,000 a year or £30,000. The £5,000 increase on the limit of mortgage tax relief, bringing it up to £30,000, will be welcome news to some house owners, but most of them, however, are of the very social group that vote Conservative. Otherwise, what the measures give will be hardly noticeable at the end of the day. Raising the tax threshold looks good on paper but the extra £1.50 in the pockets of the average married man paying the basic rate of tax is not going to make much difference. He is going to take much more notice of the fact that cigarettes and petrol again cost more — and more importantly — that road tax has risen £5 to £85.

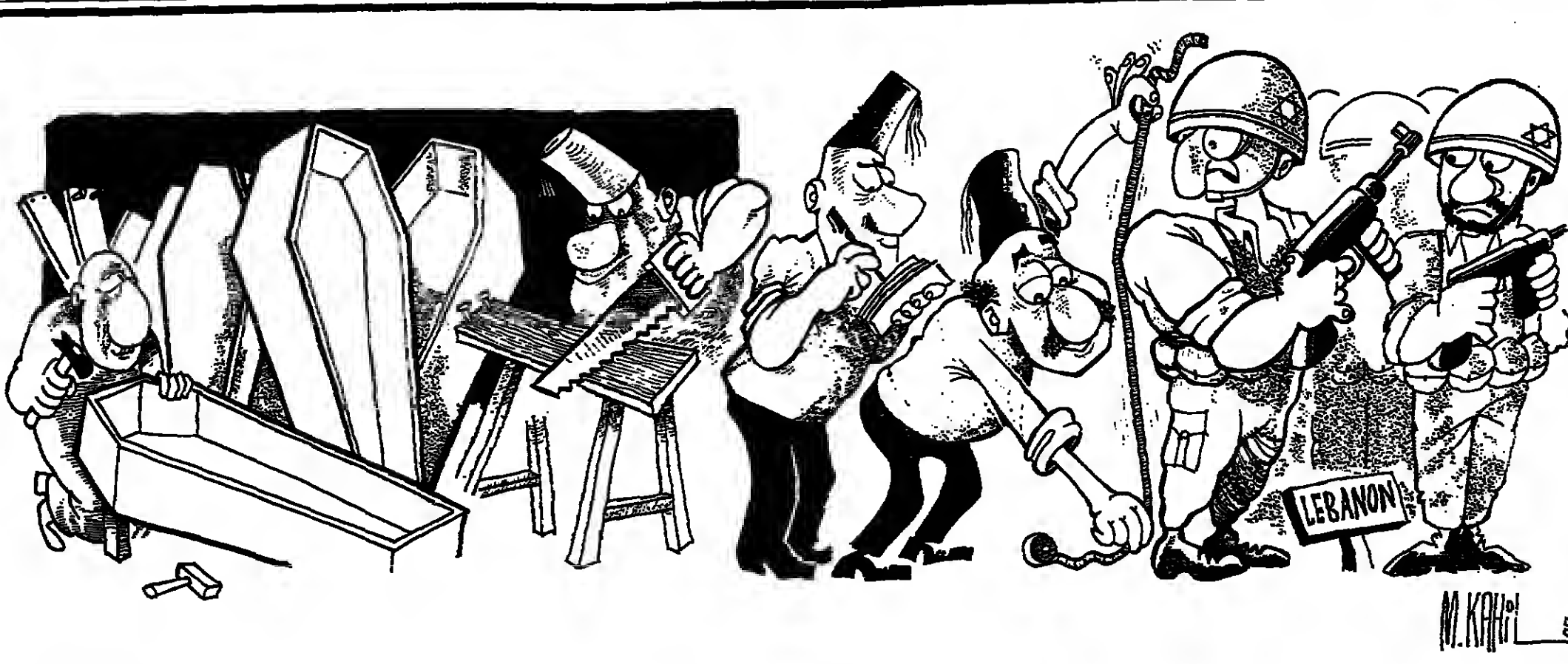
The chancellor is, of course, right in his view that real economic growth is far more likely if money is left in people's pockets rather than being sucked into the state's bureaucratic machinery. To pay an unemployed person £40 a week for a year if he starts up his own business — as is now proposed — makes a lot more economic sense than paying him dole money to do nothing or subsidizing a company to employ him although they have no need of him. But such a measure could have well been introduced at any point in the last four years. It has nothing to do with more money being available; it simply involves channeling money from one place — the dole hand-out — to another. The only reason it did not occur earlier was a lack of initiative.

If one can call it a pre-election budget (and in Westminster the talk is now of an autumn or spring '84 election), the chances of it having much effect are limited. The Conservative Party is still a long way ahead in the opinion polls — 41 percent is the latest figure — but their position is precarious. On that figure they ought to win next week's by-election at Darlington which Labor are defending. But the Liberal/SDP Alliance have again replaced Labor in the polls as Britain's Number 2 choice and they look set to win the seat. Even the Conservative vote there looks as soft as Labor's, although there were 20,000 Conservative voters in Darlington at the last election. Many former or potential Conservative Darlington voters were last week saying that they would make up their minds after the budget. It is highly doubtful whether they are in any clearer frame of mind now that they know its contents.

Sir Geoffrey Howe's big problem, however, is what happens to oil. His budget figures were based on North Sea tax revenues staying at the same level for the next year. If, however, the price war continues — and Britain has been one of the leading protagonists in the war — his figures will go seriously adrift. A drop to \$25 a barrel would mean a loss of £2,000m in revenue. To cover himself for such an eventuality, the chancellor has promised a further autumn mini-budget should the need arise. In the meantime, he is hoping his present efforts do the trick.

In fact, they will probably do nothing at all. It is a bland, trivial, affair with little to excite and little to condemn.

"Satisfactory" is the expression used by school-masters in their reports when they want to damn their pupils with faint praise. Howe's budget is satisfactory.



## Showdown in Zimbabwe after Joshua Nkomo's exit

By Richard Hall

**HARARE** — The image conjured up here of Joshua Nkomo fleeing in drag was only a brief flash of light relief on Zimbabwe's somber scene last week. The cold reality was swiftly restored: his relatives were rounded up — though his wife has been freed — and the military sweeps to "neutralize dissidents" go on unabated in Matabeleland.

The ZAPU leader's midnight exodus to Botswana has in no way softened the resolve in Harare to hunt down the outlawed ex-guerrillas once under his command. The soldiers methodically pursue their search and destroy tactics in village after village, an aura of fear moving ahead of them through the bush.

The educated Matabele suffer most, especially teachers thought to be politically active. The headmaster of a mission school described what happened when the Fifth Brigade arrived: "A soldier threatened to shoot one of the male teachers and told him to fetch a stick. He had to lie down and was thoroughly beaten. The soldiers beat up five other staff members including three women. One man at a nearby school was shot dead. Another was brought into the mission hospital terribly beaten." Such accounts as these are plentiful, although the security screen around the operations makes it impossible to have eyewitness confirmation.

Nkomo has been able to put a healthy distance between himself and the 3,000-strong Fifth Brigade, but the million supporters he has left behind in Matabeleland face the prospect of co-existing with — or rather knuckling under to — this daunting force for many months to come.

The furor about the acts of brutality undoubtedly committed by the Fifth Brigade (although the

number of civilians killed is mere guesswork) only exacerbates the more glibish ministers in Robert Mugabe's cabinet. They argue that Zimbabwe's African people gained power after a bloody guerrilla war, followed by democratic elections. Anybody who wants to challenge the verdict of the polls will be subdued by the old methods.

Organizations such as Oxfam are castigated for writing — although not openly distributing — detailed memoranda about atrocities that have gone on in the villages since the end of January. Before Mugabe left for the recent nonaligned summit meeting in New Delhi, a delegation from church and aid bodies based here managed to see him, but their "more-in-sorrow-than-anger" protests met a somewhat steely response. The Matabeleland course of action is set.

Techniques used by Ian Smith's troops in the pre-independence war are being revived to persuade people in Matabeleland that the cost of supporting the "dissidents" is too high. One recent incident is typical. Five dissidents approached an African businessman near Bulawayo and asked for money and transport. He gave it. Soon afterward, the five men came back and shot him dead. They were disguised members of the Fifth Brigade.

But to talk of war, or civil war, in Zimbabwe, may be premature. Quite simply, an inevitable showdown is taking place.

The roots of current troubles have been forgotten in the torrent of horror stories. You can go back almost a century, to the time when Cecil Rhodes sent his pioneer column up here, and found that regiments of Ndebele warriors were terrorizing the Shona. However, there is a fearfully neocolonialist approach to equate ZAPU with the Ndebele and ZANU with numerically superior Shona, and say

that the latter are now getting their own back. There may be quite a lot of truth in that but even Smith would scarcely dare utter it in Harare today.

So it is less cootious to move forward to July 23, 1982, when six white tourists were kidnapped on the road north of Bulawayo, the area where the Fifth Brigade is now operating. That deed was done by ZAPU ex-guerrillas and caused Mugabe's government a deep and lasting embarrassment.

The Fifth Brigade was sent in six weeks ago after some alarming experiences with other units of the 60,000-strong National Army. A quarter of the integrated Army are ex-ZAPU fighters. The rest had been in the ZANU guerrilla brigades. When the ZAPU men reached their Matabele homeland, scores deserted. But the Fifth Brigade is different. It is almost completely Shona and ZANU. Dr. Sydney Sekerany, minister of state for defense, has described it as "totally loyal."

Apart from wiping out the ZAPU dissidents and their supporters, the Fifth Brigade is searching for arms known to be hidden all over the region and thought to include such sophisticated items as SAM-7 ground-to-air missiles. It is also asserted that about 2,500 crack ZAPU guerrillas were never merged into the National Army, and took to the bush. Some of these rebels undoubtedly sought asylum in Botswana posing as political refugees. But there is no sign that the dissidents, augmented by recent deserters, have been trying to stand and fight.

Two leaders of the ZAPU guerrillas are already accused of treason, and their trial will reopen — amid formidable security precautions — in the Zimbabwe High Court on Thursday. Dumiso Dabengwa and lookout Masuku, former deputy commander of the National Army, are charged with

plotting to overthrow Mugabe's government by force and install Nkomo as president. Dabengwa, once secretary of ZAPU's war council, is dedicatedly pro-Russian. He is the man the dissidents look to, and it is believed that they wanted to exchange him for the kidnapped tourists. With Nkomo a fugitive and so much of the leadership behind bars or in hiding, ZAPU is now in extreme disarray. One of Mugabe's ministers, Dr. Eddison Zvobgo, told me: "It's not a matter of us dismantling them. They have done it themselves."

Such remarks reflect a growing confidence among ruling politicians that Zimbabwe is accelerating toward the one-party state which Mugabe eagerly seeks. Achieving it should be easier if Nkomo stays out of the way.

At a press conference in New Delhi, Mugabe insisted that there was no reason for his rival to stay abroad and that he would do well to come home. This was good public relations, but it concealed the deep personal enmity between the two men. After 30 years in the political arena, the "father of African nationalism" has never been happy to serve under his younger rival and one-time lieutenant. Nkomo is disappointed and bitter.

Mugabe regards Nkomo as devious and vacillating, and there are grounds for supporting that view. During the Central African Federation era, two decades ago, he made crucial decisions that threw his followers into confusion then hurriedly backtracked. Now he has gone, Mugabe would probably prefer him to stay away. After all, the London suburbs are strewn with political exiles from Africa. They each had a precious few days of celebrity under the TV cameras then soon sank into obscurity.

Zimbabwe's 170,000 whites, meanwhile, are expressing some forebodings, though few have much feeling for Nkomo. There is an expectation of random reprisals from ZAPU outlaws, of possible sabotage or bombings in the city centers. ZAPU guerrillas brought down two civilian airliners with ground-to-air missiles during the nationalist struggle. In one case, most of the survivors were massacred.

There is now an exaggerated fear that the dissidents could still use such missiles. A chartered accountant told me: "A lot of friends, professional people, suddenly talk of going, even though they can take very little with them."

There is sure to be a big outflow of white civil servants next month in any case. They are people who previously worked for the Smith regime, and on April 18, the third anniversary of independence, they are entitled to leave with pensions.

As for the country's present rulers, they will now find it far easier to jostle the remnants of ZAPU's leadership into endorsing the idea of a one-party state. That vision depends, of course on how the Fifth Brigade fares in the coming months in making the Matabele recognize who are the masters now. (LOS)

## Inferiority complex grips Irish in Britain

By Bette O'Connor

**LONDON** — The Irish in Britain, who form the country's largest ethnic community, are finding it harder to smile as St. Patrick's day comes around this year. They believe they are unfairly made scapegoats for the murderous actions of extremists in Northern Ireland and occasionally in Britain, and dislike the British penchant for Irish jokes that depict them as stupid.

Things are not as bad as in the 1940s when "no Irish need apply" signs hung outside British factories and flats in the wake of bombing campaigns by an earlier generation of the Irish Republican Army (IRA) fighting British rule in Northern Ireland. But it can still be very difficult to be Irish in Britain, according to Irish organizations working with the community.

"Anyone proud to be Irish is often suspect, especially if he expresses his pride. He is thought to be somehow secretly favor violence," Pat Delaney, a founder member of the Irish in Britain Representation Group, told Reuters. "Ireland is Britain's nearest neighbor but the country the British know the least about. The image of the stereotype Irishman as violent and stupid is still present in so-called Irish jokes," he said.

Delaney added: "Racism is not just directed against the color of someone's skin. Stories which depend for their efforts on the assumption that the Irish are congenitally morose are not jokes or funny but a cheap form of racism." Feeling against the Irish has increased in Britain since the IRA resumed its campaign of violence in Northern Ireland in 1969. Since then, 366 British soldiers have lost their lives in the strife-torn province.

And last year, two IRA bombs exploded in London's Hyde Park and Regent's Park killing 11 soldiers on ceremonial duties and injuring scores of civilians. A Conservative member of parliament, Ivor Stanbrook, said at the time: "Without a sea of expatriate Irishman in which to swim, the IRA would never escape detection in Britain."

## Is Vietnam trying for Indochina federation?

By John Laird

**HANOI** — Vietnam has forged a common foreign policy and close administrative ties with its two Indochinese neighbors, but it denies that this policy and the presence of 220,000 Vietnamese troops in Laos and Cambodia are a prelude to a Hanoi-led "Indochina federation."

Statements from Hanoi, echoed by its two partners, call their relationship a "militant alliance" based on equality, respect for each other's independence and the need to band together in the face of threats from Indochina's northern neighbor, China.

By contrast, non-Communist diplomats who monitor Indochina affairs, recently interviewed here and in Bangkok, believe that present Vietnamese policy seeks a "sphere of interest" in Indochina, if not overt domination. Their opinions vary on the nature and extent of Hanoi's control. They say a key test of Vietnam's disavowal of regional ambition will be its readiness to compromise in the Cambodia dispute. The non-Communist states of Southeast Asia have spearheaded a United Nations call for withdrawal of Vietnam's troops and free Cambodian elections.

Speculation on the federation issue has resurfaced following last month's summit conference of

leaders from Vietnam, Laos and Cambodia — the first such meeting since Communists triumphed in Indochina eight years ago.

After the summit, Vietnamese Foreign Minister Nguyen Co Thach dismissed as "imaginary" contentions that Vietnam was moving toward a federation. The late President Ho Chi Minh, father of Communist Vietnam, envisioned such a federation. "Militant alliance among them is a law of development of the three countries' revolutions and a fundamental factor to defeating all enemies and regaining their independence and freedom," said a summit statement.

Today, there are 180,000 Vietnamese troops in Cambodia and 40,000 in Laos, helping those governments battle diarch insurgencies. Hanoi has also dispatched civilian advisers. Statements on foreign policy issued by the three countries are virtually identical.

The summit's only economic move was to set up a committee in each country to promote cooperation and coordination of national economic plans. "With regard to the economies of agricultural states, there is no need for integration," Thach said.

But Thach and other Vietnamese officials said that study continues into various models of cooperation, such as the EEC and the close links among Scandinavian nations.

One Western diplomat, however, said the Vietnamese appeared to be more eager to copy the Soviet model in Eastern Europe. Vietnam, the diplomat said, was attempting to make respectable its influence over Laos and Cambodia by pretending that the other two were contributing as equal partners. "They want to make it seem like international cooperation. At the moment, no one believes it, but over the long term, it may acquire some legitimacy," he said.

But this diplomat thought that "domination" might be too strong a word in assessing the current Vietnamese role. Another cautioned that the presence of Vietnamese advisers in Cambodia and Laos did not necessarily translate into Vietnamese control. Both countries, despite shared Communist ideology, have strong nationalist streaks and cultural roots very different from Vietnam's. Cambodia and Vietnam have a long history of bloody conflicts and mutual hatred.

Thailand and its partners in the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) began to fear an "Indochina federation" — as well as Vietnamese expansion — when Vietnam's invasion of Cambodia toppled the Khmer Rouge in January 1979. Laos in 1978 had begun to move away from China, toward its presently solid pro-Vietnamese stance. (AP)

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1860 — Second Maori War breaks out in New Zealand.

1888 — Britain establishes protectorate over Sarawak on Borneo.

1896 — Transvaal and Orange Free State conclude offensive and defensive alliance. Further uprisings erupt in Matabele, Rhodesia.

1898 — Japan declines to support Britain in its conflict with Russia over a loan to China.

1921 — Poland's constitution is established.

1939 — Soviet Union and Australia resume diplomatic relations. Col. Grivas, Eoka leader, returns to Athens from Cyprus. Dalai Lama escapes following Tibetan uprising against Chinese garrison, winds up in India later.

1962 — Soviet Union accuses United States of fighting "undeclared war" in Vietnam and demands removal of American military forces there.

1966 — U.S. midget submarine locates hydrogen bomb which had fallen from American bomber into Mediterranean Sea off Spain.

1981 — Polish government reaches agreement with independent unionists in Radom, but faces new strike threat by timber workers and a continuing sit-in by militant farmers.

1982 — Administration of U.S. President Ronald Reagan sends Congress Caribbean Basin assistance request including \$128 million in emergency economic aid for El Salvador.

Thought for today:  
There is nothing wrong with Ireland except that it is Irish, and there is nothing wrong with England except that it is not Irish — George Bernard Shaw, Irish-born writer (1856-1950).

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# Spice island of the Caribbean

## Grenadians follow in Castro's footsteps

By George Werne

ST. GEORGE'S, Grenada (R) — A white Mercedes occupied by burly Soviet diplomat Genadiy Sazhenov has become a familiar sight on wet roads of this tiny Caribbean island. Sazhenov is the first Soviet ambassador ever to set up a diplomatic mission in Grenada, and his presence symbolizes the island's dramatic turn to the left.

The 115,000 people of Grenada had rarely seen a Russian until four years ago when Maurice Bishop's leftist New Jewel Movement ousted Prime Minister Eric Gairy's right-wing government. Since then the Soviet presence on this 344-square-kilometer island has steadily increased. The island's main source of international news is the Soviet Tass news agency, while Cuba has become its principal source of aid.

The pro-Cuban New Jewel Movement's friendly relations with Eastern bloc countries have led to an almost complete severance of ties with the West and provoked fears in Washington that the island could be used as a launching pad for alleged Communist subversion in Central America.

President Reagan told East Caribbean leaders last April that their neighbor Grenada was following Cuba's example and would try to spread the virus of Marxism throughout the region. Speaking during a five-day tour of the Caribbean, he said his plan for economic development of the region, worth around \$350 million, offered a better way and urged them not to let their ties with the United States be weakened.

The Reagan administration believes the program will help strengthen the region against subversion.

Grenada, a member of the nonaligned movement, has repeatedly denied press reports that the Soviet Union was constructing a naval base on the island. But there is no doubt that since the arrival of Bishop's distinctive left-wing regime, Moscow has developed a strong interest in this spice island of the Caribbean.

Within months of the coup, diplomatic relations were established and soon afterward the new prime minister and his minister of finance and trade, Bernard Coad, flew to the Soviet Union.

Last year Bishop led another delegation to Moscow where a substantial economic and political agreement was signed. The Caribbean prime minister said this would reduce the island's dependence on the West.

Under the agreement, the Soviet Union would extend \$9 million in aid to Grenada, 7.5 million of which was earmarked for the construction of a satellite earth station. The remainder would be used for technical assistance and development research programs.

Studies would be conducted on oil exploration, water conservation, irrigation, the setting up of a cement plant and the feasibility of building a harbor on the east coast, according to government officials.

The Soviet Union also offered a gift of \$1.5 million to allow Grenada to buy Soviet steel, flour and a light aircraft for spraying crops, the officials said.

On his return from Moscow Bishop said such agreements would help disengage Grenada from the world system of imperialism and counter Washington's "aggressive and intimidating postures in the Caribbean region."



BUILDUP: This aerial photo of the Point Salines Airfield in Grenada was released by the U.S. Defense Department in Washington recently to show Cuban-Soviet military buildup in the area.

## Sri Lanka ocean gains promise economic boon

By Malika Waniyasekera

COLOMBO (Depthnews) — Sri Lanka's national territory is now 20 times its former 25,000 square miles, courtesy of the Law of the Sea Convention. The territorial expansion is a victory for Sri Lankan diplomacy and economic foresight. It is the result of many years of patient and painstaking work in the session rooms and corridors of the United Nations conference on the Law of the Sea.

Signing of the Law at Montego Bay last Dec. 10 meant for Sri Lanka the gaining of sovereignty over 300,000 square miles of seabed territory. The area covers the country's continental shelf and excludes the already internationally recognized 200-mile exclusive economic zone (EEZ).

The additional territory is a geological gold mine. Its food, fuel and mineral potentials could be the key to the country's economic prosperity in the years ahead if properly exploited. Most promising part of the area is in the south of Sri Lanka.

No immediate exploitation of the riches to be found in the extended seabed is expected. The constraints include the financial, lack of technology and expertise and the other imperatives to sustained and profitable exploitation. For the present, the government is content to look at the territorial gain on a judicial basis.

The Law of the Sea could have gone the other way in Sri Lanka's case, meaning the loss of 60 percent of its seabed territory. Under the pre-1978 proposals placed before the U.N. conference, such a possibility was a very distinct one, according to Foreign Minister A.C.S. Hameed.

Those proposals caused the Sri Lankan delegation to the conference to revise its stand and press special claims. Hameed recalled that in the 1960s, there was much controversy at the U.N. conference, over the sovereignty of nations regarding the continental shelf. The proposal that triggered heated debate imposed a cutoff point where seabed claims were to end, giving way to a concept called the "common heritage of mankind."

Many coastal states at that time were satisfied with an exclusive economic zone of 200 miles. An equal number, however, saw in such a limit the loss of much of their respective seabeds.

During the 1970's, geologists working with the U.N. conference came up with the "Irish Formula" which postulated that on the continental shelf, at a point where sedimentation and seabed formations were one kilometer thick, would be the maximum exploitative margin.

This form of measuring came up to 300 to 350 miles and coincided with the claims of the Atlantic and Pacific coastal nations. But when applied to the Bay of Bengal, the formula failed to show the same results. Under such a measurement, Sri Lanka would have lost much potentially rich territory.

Led by Foreign Minister Hameed, the Sri Lankan delegation mounted a drive at the U.N. conference. It sought to have Sri Lanka's claims treated as an exception to the general principles governing the Law of the Sea Treaty. In 1981, the conference adopted a "special statement of understanding" which recognized Sri Lanka's claims.

Askle from Sri Lanka, various countries, particularly those in South America, made their own unilateral claims to the continental shelf and its margins. This led the conference to make a definition of the continental shelf. Under the concept, a state has jurisdiction over the natural prolongation of its territory under the sea including rises and slopes.

The conference also formulated its EEZ doctrine which permits the coastal states to exclusively exploit the living, non-living and neutral resources of the seabed and adjacent waters.

Expansion of its ocean territory will add greatly to Sri Lanka's fishery resources. It will also eventually lead to efficient management of its fishing grounds and other marine areas, according to government authorities. They add that the country can now more effectively prevent overfishing, poaching on part of foreign fishing fleets, control pollution, and carry out research for the further development of its marine technology.

Sri Lanka has already set up a National Aquatic Research Authority which is to undertake programs for the exploitation and protection of marine resources. The still untapped seabed is believed to contain various minerals such as gold, platinum, magnetite, ilmenite, zircon, rutile, titanite, cassiterite, monazite, calcium carbonate, barium sulphate, diamonds, phosphorite, potash, etc.

The state-owned Petroleum Corp. is already exploring for oil. It has divided the EEZ into 15 blocks and entered into production-sharing contracts (on percentage basis) with several multinational oil exploration companies.

India is being treated as a special case due to its proximity to Sri Lanka and the possibility of overlapping continental shelves. The government policy is joint ventures as denoted by the accord with New Delhi's Oil and Natural Gas Commission which exchanges data and coordinate closely with Petroleum Corp. on oil exploration in the Palk Straits.

The U.N. Law of the Sea Convention has special meaning for Sri Lanka. The conference was headed for many years by Shirley Amerasinghe, the urban Sri Lankan international civil servant, who guided its complex negotiations with consummate finesse. He died before the conference could come to its conclusion.

## Another Look

### Jefferson on magazines

By Robert Younkus

It isn't easy to get in touch with the spirit of Thomas Jefferson, but since Madame Lazonga, who advertises herself as "Originator of High-Tech Spiritualism," managed it for me once before I asked her to try again the other day.

"I'll have to tell him what it's about," Madame Lazonga said.

"He is more closely identified with the First Amendment to the Constitution and with press freedom than any other of our Founding Fathers," I replied. "I'd like to get his reaction to the national weekly newspapers in this country."

"I'll see what I can do," she said, and went into her "Interface Parlor" from

understand almost nothing at all! And what I do understand alarms me! Please explain this article!"

He pointed to a headline "UFO BASE IN U.S.: Space Aliens Use Power Station To Refuel Fleet, Say Residents."

"Every issue of the *National Enquirer*," I explained, "contains articles that give scientists the cold shudders. There simply isn't time to explain that story to you."

"And this?" he asked. The headline read "Despite \$379 million 'palimony' suit, Libera is more popular than ever."

"Also too complicated," I said. "What I'd like is your overall impression."

"Catastrophic!" he exclaimed. "There isn't one item in there about affairs of state!"



which I heard an astonishing collection of buzzes, hums, whines, clicks, and whistles. Then, after a few moments of mumbling sounds, Madame Lazonga shouted to me, "Come in! He's actually materialized!"

I knew it was rare for spirits from Beyond to appear in person, but it certainly would make my interview a lot easier. I rushed in, and, sure enough, there stood Thomas Jefferson himself.

"Mr. President," I began, "you are often quoted about freedom of the press, its shortcomings, and its essential role in maintaining the democracy."

"I am pleased to hear it," Jefferson replied. "I always believed that, as I wrote to a friend, 'our liberty depends on the freedom of the press, and that cannot be limited without being lost.'"

"Yet you sometimes criticized the press," "Oh, yes! Often. As I wrote to another friend, 'the newspapers of our country by their abandoned spirit of falsehood, have more effectively destroyed the utility of the press than all the shackles devised by Bonaparte.'"

"With that in mind, sir," I said, "I would be grateful for your impressions of some newspapers I have brought with me. They appear each week and, although not typical of American newspapers of this time, they enjoy enormous sales."

"As a matter of fact," I continued, handing him a copy of the *National Enquirer*, "this publication claims the largest circulation of any paper in America."

After studying the paper for two or three minutes, with an increasing expression of bewilderment, Jefferson exclaimed, "But I

"Not the kind of affairs you mean, no," I agreed.

"Nothing about constitutional debates, economic matters, social welfare, foreign affairs, the state and religion, or any of the other issues that serve as democracy's lifeblood."

"I thought that might puzzle you," I said. "Puzzle me?" he snapped. "It horrifies me! And who are all these people?"

"The ones that matter most," I said, "are called Jackie, Joan, Di, Liz, Ted, Johnny, Charles, and Burt. Please look at some of the other papers."

He read headlines out loud: "'Greek tycoon jilts actress for Jackie O.' 'Elvis' phoned me after he died.' 'Death-row woman: 'Jerry's sex-change dilemma.' 'Stunned experts uncover proof that woman is reincarnation of her aunt.' 'Princess Caroline: movie scandal, 'Smoking makes you psychic.' 'Wife returns from grave as eight-year-old girl.'"

At that point he hurled the newspapers to the floor and let loose a string of 18th century oaths of the sort that he learned, I assume, while growing up on a farm in Virginia.

"I'm sorry to have upset you so," I said, "but I did think that your views, as an honored Founding Father, might interest the millions of Americans who read these newspapers."

With a flushed face — which, incidentally, made him look less ghostly — Jefferson replied: "You may say that as a farmer I valued manure as a fertilizer for food, but that I do not value it as food for thought." And with that he disappeared.

## ILO shows ways for aging to confront work prejudice

By Thomas Land

GENEVA (LOS) — Aging and disabled workers in Western Europe and North America are learning to keep their jobs with the help of governmental counseling services intended to help them develop or adapt their skills to the changing needs of the shrinking employment market. The biggest challenge they face, concludes an authoritative specialist report, is prejudice at the workplace.

An estimated 500 million persons are disabled. About the same number are healthy and aging employees to whom disabilities are often attributed through ignorance. The mounting threat to their livelihood posed by the rapid restructuring of the recession-bound world economy is examined by a study issued by the United Nations International Labor Organization (ILO) in Geneva.

The study shows that there are ways to confront prejudice in industry. A trend to protect the interests of the most exposed groups from the effects of relentless technological change began in Japan in the 1960s. Some aspects of it are now being adapted in the West under pressure from the economic recession.

The education, training and knowledge of older workers are being made obsolete by technological changes and the transformation of jobs and methods of work, says the report. They tend to resist forces encouraging geographical or professional mobility. And, "in an increasingly tight employment market, they find themselves up against a particularly virulent obstacle: discrimination."

Once they lose their jobs, they find it increasingly difficult to obtain fresh employment. The ILO quotes a recent study in the Netherlands showing that more than half of the unemployed workers over 55 years of age had been idle for more than a year — while only 10 percent of the young unemployed had been out of work for such a length of time. Unemployment among the aging is often hidden from statistical analysis through "early retirement" as offered in countries like Belgium and France or because they

decide to give up looking for work, as often happens in North America.

As workers grow older, prejudice has it that they become less productive, less adaptable and more prone to accidents and absenteeism. This conflicts with objective medical and industrial research which shows that the effect of aging is far from uniform and cannot be generalized. Arduous work, assembly line jobs and tasks demanding a high degree of dexterity may nevertheless prove more difficult for older workers. But they have shown a relative superiority in efficiency over their younger colleagues when jobs have been adapted to their needs, the ILO says. And other studies show that both accident and absenteeism rates are generally lower for older workers.

During the past two decades, several Japanese industries have operated training and retraining programs for their aging and disabled workers in an attempt to minimize the human price of their industrial success. The Japanese government ruled in 1976 that older workers must comprise at least 6 percent of full-time staff of a company. The administration provides financial incentives to industrial concerns employing workers aged over 55 years. Unemployed older workers in Japan receive up to 80 percent of their previous salaries.

Efforts in the West are directed mainly at helping workers exposed through age or disabilities to confront industrial prejudice through their performance. West Germany finances further training in a worker's own field as well as retraining course. Many older Finnish workers follow training programs and three quarters of them regularly improve their employment status.

Other countries offering training courses for workers include Canada, France, Holland and the United States. New Zealand provides training programs specifically for older workers. schemes enable enable industry to utilize a wealth of experience and discipline accumulated by a generation of older workers which no society can afford to discard.

## French move to make deer hunting dearer

By Marc Niederhauer

CHANTILLY, France (R) — Just half an hour's drive from Paris, despite motorways and urban encroachment and poachers, herds of red deer still flourish and run wild.

"There are six to seven hundred stags and does in the forests of Halatte, Chantilly and Ermenonville," declared Bertrand Lefebvre, head of the Chantilly bureau of the French Forest Authority (ONF).

To reach this estimate, the ONF organized its annual deer census earlier this month in the three forests, which cover 25,000 hectares of state and private wood. And in the capital's chill winter morning, 160 persons gathered before dawn in the forest of Ermenonville to take part in the hunt.

Most of them were forest authority officers and agents, but there were also representatives of the local hunt and nature lovers, all equipped with boots and binoculars.

Among its purposes, the survey serves to determine how the animals will be killed during the next hunting season.

"Three to four deer per hundred hectares is usually considered to be the right balance in this area," Lefebvre told Reuters. The figure

was confirmed by Guy Bonnet, president of the local wildlife defense association.

An ONF agent said the error factor could be high with a survey of this kind, but he believed the forest authority had a pretty good idea of the numbers of deer.

"The figures have to be used with caution when deciding how many deer are to be hunted," he said. "Furthermore, they are victims of cars. Twenty-one were killed by accident on the roads in this sector last year, and those deaths have to be taken into account."

But he said fewer animals were lost to poachers than a few years ago, partly because the herds were smaller now. A forest officer admitted the poachers still came at night with fast cars and expensive rifles.

"But large portions of the forests are now closed to traffic and penalties are relatively high for poachers when caught red-handed," he said.

Perhaps the main deterrent, he added, was that those convicted stood to lose the vehicles they came in. The car is impounded as instrument to the crime. And generally, the vehicles used for poaching are not beetles."



'DEARS TO BE SURE': These two imposing white-tailed deer fawns were spotted taking refuge in a woodland, anxiously awaiting the return of their mother.

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Some studies have shown the new treatment for breast cancer — lumpectomy and radiation therapy — produced good results.

**Wednesday, March 23**  
Scientists have uncovered evidence which should cause farm workers handling insecticides to exercise new caution. Some workers exposed to insecticides may experience depression, paranoia, recurrent nightmares and other mental disorders. Fortunately, the damage may be reversible.



DAM: A view of the massive Victoria dam and power station under construction at Mahaweli, Sri Lanka, with assistance from Britain.



With revenues plunging

## Mexico, Venezuela face fiscal problems

MEXICO CITY, March 16 (R) — Mexico and Venezuela, both already deeply indebted, face severe budgetary problems as a result of lower oil prices, oil and banking sources said Tuesday.

Venezuela, the third largest exporter among the 13 members of the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC), cut its posted price by \$5 to \$29 a barrel in line with Monday's London agreement.

### C. America aid suspension urged

CARACAS, March 16 (AP) — A state organization which channels Venezuelan aid to Central American and Caribbean countries has asked the government to temporarily freeze such aid following OPEC's decision to reduce oil prices.

The aid suspension recommendation was made after a meeting Monday of officials of the Venezuelan Investment Fund and leading government ministers. That move came after the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries agreed in London to cut its benchmark price from \$34 a barrel to \$29.

Under an agreement signed by Venezuela and Mexico in San Jose, Costa Rica, Central American and Caribbean countries are granted special credits with their oil purchases to finance energy development programs.

Fund president Hermann Luis Soriano said the aid should be suspended until the government knows how much income it will lose because of the move by OPEC.

Mexico, not an OPEC member, found itself undercut for the first time in a year and was forced to follow suit with an average \$2.75 a barrel drop, erasing nearly all the \$1.5 billion it had hoped to save this year from the worldwide drop in interest rates.

Sources in Caracas said Venezuela would lose between \$3 and \$3.5 billion in revenue this year, and they predicted government austerity measures and the first trade deficit since 1978.

They said an economic stabilization plan expected to be announced shortly would contain spending cuts and proposals to reschedule around \$10 billion in short term foreign debt.

But Venezuelan politicians generally accepted the drop in its production quota to 1.7 million barrels per day against two million previously, stressing the importance of OPEC unity.

Western diplomats, bankers and economists agreed that the most immediate effect on Mexico's economy would be to prolong the dollar scarcity which is starving private industry of the means to import essential raw materials.

Before the price cut, the Finance Ministry had estimated this year's oil income at \$15 billion about three-quarters of total export revenue, and interest payments on the \$80 billion foreign debt at some \$12 billion.

With the government giving priority to debt servicing and food imports, many private factories were already running at barely half capacity due to the shortage of raw materials.

But despite the strain on its economy, Mexico has agreed to consult closely with OPEC over oil policy.

### 13 % of merchant fleet idle

LONDON, March 16 (AP) — A record 13 percent of the world's merchant fleet was idle at the end of January this year as recession, hitting bulk carriers and tankers in particular, showed no signs of abating, the General Council of British Shipping said Thursday.

At the end of January, a total 1,645 ships, representing 47,833,000 gross register tons (86,823,000 deadweight tons), lay idle, the

### Soviets promote gold nugget sale

ZURICH, March 16 (R) — The Soviet Union has begun a drive to sell gold nuggets direct to the public in an apparent move to raise foreign exchange in the West.

The windows of the Soviet Union's Wozzhod Bank in Zurich were Tuesday full of dull lumps of gold described as "masterpieces of fickle nature released from the dark womb of the earth."

In London, the Bank for Foreign Trade of the USSR took advertisements in the *Financial Times* reminding investors and collectors of the "rarity, beauty and durability" of Russian gold nuggets. The advertisement said the bank was also offering gold leaf for sale.

The nuggets are being sold at the current market price — at present around 30 Swiss francs (\$14.5) per gram — plus a supplement of 50 to 100 percent for their beauty and rarity as collectors' items, a spokeswoman in Zurich said. This makes a top price of around 2,000 francs (\$975), with smaller chunks costing considerably less. They are in their raw state, "refined in the glow of magma," according to the bank's advertisements.

council said. In percentage returns, the total of merchant vessels joining the pool of idle ships, rose by 1 percent to 13 percent, the council said.

At the end of January, 1,235 dry cargo vessels totaling 26,041,000 deadweight tons, or 7 percent of the world's dry cargo fleet, were idle.

Tankers, totaling 410 ships with a tonnage of 60,763,000 deadweight tons, 18 percent, also were laid up.

Giving a historical background to the shipping crisis, the council said idle world shipping has been growing since January 1981, from 9,446,000 deadweight tons to the present 86,823,000.

Dry cargo vessels had a slightly better time of it. Tonnage laid up on January 31, 1981 was 2,186,000 deadweight tons, now 26,041,000.

Tankers idle rose from 7,261,000 deadweight tons to 60,783,783.

Worst hit nations were Greece, Liberia, Panama, Italy and the United States.

Greece now has 684 vessels, 597 dry cargo with 11,544,000 deadweight tons and 87 tankers with 9,214,000 deadweight tons lying at anchor. That's 30 percent of its merchant fleet.

Liberia has a total 165 vessels or 22,245,000 deadweight tons 16 percent of its fleet idle, while Panama has 139, with 4,268,000 deadweight tons or 8 percent.

Italy had 80 vessels totaling 3,650,000 deadweight tons or 22 percent of its merchant marine laid up.

The United States has 33 dry cargo vessels totaling 430,000 deadweight tons and 24 tankers totaling 2,006,000 deadweight tons idle. That's 9 percent of the merchant fleet.

### Over oil prices

## Non-OPEC producers can call the shots

LONDON, March 16 (AP) — The oil ministers of OPEC argued, as one put it, "until our tongues became heavy as lead," before agreeing to cut their basic oil price by 15 percent — the first such cut in OPEC history.

Yet it may be Britain and other oil-exporting nations outside the OPEC cartel that determine whether world oil prices fall further. Already, the Soviet Union, the world's biggest oil producer, has raised a possible threat to the new OPEC price level of \$29 a barrel.

The Soviets, eager to hold European customers in a shrinking oil market, cut the price of their crude by \$1.25, to \$28 a barrel, oil industry sources in Rome said Tuesday. The Soviet Union exports about 1 million barrels of oil a day to Western Europe, with an additional 2 million a day going to Communist nations.

The main spotlight, however, has turned to Britain. Its proposed price cut of \$3 a barrel last month was the main reason the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries held an emergency meeting in London to devise a strategy for stabilizing prices.

OPEC decided Monday, after 12 straight days of haggling, to reduce its prices \$5 a barrel and to limit the oil production of each of the 13 members. OPEC's goal is to prevent an oversupply from causing a price collapse.

The price of North Sea oil on the spot market — where individual cargoes of oil are sold to the highest bidder — was quoted in Europe Tuesday at \$28.25 a barrel, up 50 cents from Monday. That is \$2.25

below the price offered to contract buyers.

As a result, British National Oil Corp., the government-owned oil company, is facing new pressure to cut its contract prices even further from the \$30.50 it announced Feb. 18.

Britain is not an OPEC member, but it produces more oil than all OPEC members except Saudi Arabia and possibly Iran, whose precise output is not known.

Britain's role as an OPEC competitor is made even more important by its link with Nigeria, a major cartel member. Those two countries compete for sales in Europe because their oils are of similar quality.

When Britain cut its price, Nigeria broke ranks with OPEC and slashed its price \$5.50 a barrel, to \$30, or 50 cents below the North Sea price. Under the new OPEC agreement, Nigeria is pledged to keep that price. If Britain cuts again, to below \$30, Nigeria may feel compelled to match it.

Halsey Peckworth, who tracks oil-price trends for *Platt's Oilgram Price Report*, a New York-based trade journal, said Tuesday he believes Britain will be forced to cut its North Sea price within days.

"I don't think they can avoid it," Peckworth said.

While it competes with OPEC members, Britain does not want to trigger a price contest with the oil cartel. Oil has become an important source of revenue for Britain, and development of new North Sea oil fields would be slowed if prices fell below \$25 a barrel.

### U.S. panel OKs hiking IMF funds

WASHINGTON, March 16 (AP) — The U.S. Senate Foreign Relations Committee approved Tuesday the Reagan administration's request to increase U.S. contributions to the International Monetary Fund by \$8.4 billion.

The proposal must also be approved by the Senate Banking Committee before going to the full Senate for a vote.

Finance ministers of the 146 member nations of the IMF voted last month to increase their contributions by \$66.8 billion, to a total of \$198.5 billion for loans to Third World countries.

The U.S. share of this was \$5.6 billion.

### Iraq delaying German dues

FRANKFURT, March 16 (R) — Iraq, hit

both by the cost of its war with Iran and falling oil revenues, has told West Germany it will be unable to pay all the money due this year and next on West German industrial projects, an Economics Ministry spokesman in Bonn said Tuesday.

The announcement came as the West German Engineering Industry Association (VDMA) told a press conference in Frankfurt that Iraq has made no foreign currency payments since last November on about 2.4 billion marks (\$1 billion) worth of industrial projects being built by West German firms.

The VDMA spokesman said Iraq's difficulties could lead to financial problems for some West German industrial plant and

construction firms with heavy involvement in Iraq. He gave no details.

Iraq recently tapped the international capital markets for a \$500 million commercial loan and last month sought new credits from both France and the United States.

Volker Hahn, head of the German Economics Ministry's foreign trade division, said the reason for Iraq's inability to meet all payments was a fall in revenues from oil due to lower world prices and reduced production because of the Gulf war.

The 30-month-old conflict has forced the closure of Iraq's Gulf terminals and, with Syria refusing to allow Iraqi oil across its territory, the country has only one pipeline across Turkey in operation.

## IDA lends India \$101 million for irrigation project

By Martin Baruch  
Houston Bureau

HOUSTON, March 16 — An irrigation project backed by a \$101 million credit from the International Development Association (IDA), the World Bank concessionary lending affiliate, will benefit approximately 440,000 farm families living in northern India. Most beneficiaries will be small or marginal farmers who cannot afford a private irrigation source.

The Second Uttar Pradesh Public Tubewells Project will expand available irrigated area in India by 235,000 hectares and forecasts call for an increase in the production of foodgrains by 300,000 tons; sugarcane, 371,200 tons; and oilseeds by 9,900 tons per year.

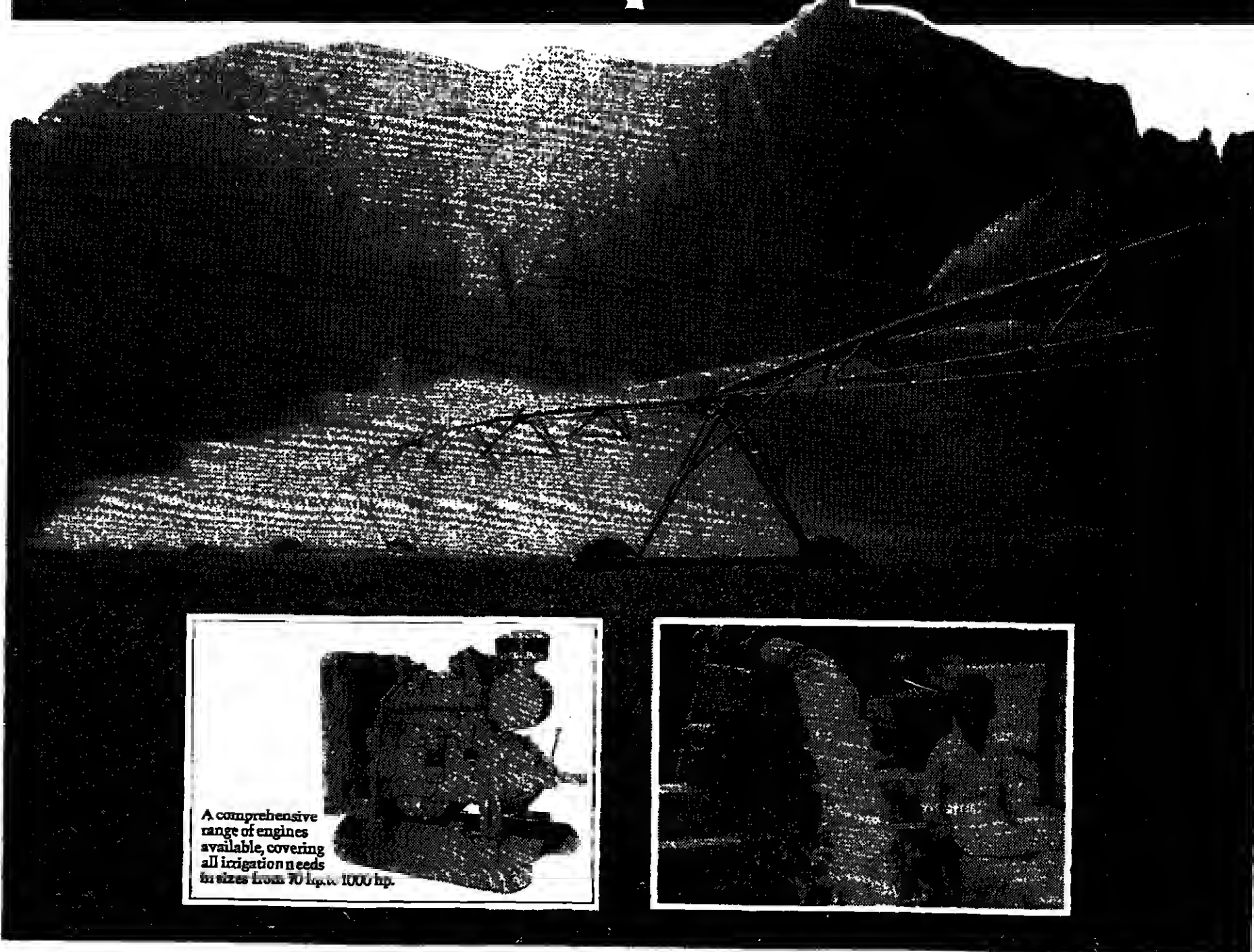
About 2,200 new tubewell systems will be constructed, using improved design developed during an earlier IDA-supported project. Plans presently indicate the wells will be built in clusters of about 25 with connections to the nearest power sub-station. About 650 existing tubewells will be improved by connecting them to power lines and 100 existing wells will be the subject of a pilot program testing modernization measures.

### Greek jobless soar

ATHENS, March 16 (AP) — A total of 85,760 Greeks were registered as unemployed last month, a rise of 24.4 percent over last year's February figure of 68,294, according to official figures published on Tuesday.

But a spokesman for the state manpower organization said the statistics represent less than half the country's jobless since most out-of-work Greeks never register as unemployed. He said the unemployment rate now approached 10 percent with women and graduates under 30 making up two-thirds of the total unemployed.

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## Over EEC proposal

# Sugar talks heading for split

LONDON, March 16 (AP) — The International Sugar Organization was headed for a three-way split over export levels Tuesday as delegates sought to negotiate a new world sugar pact that includes the European Economic Community.

At the center of the dispute was an EEC proposal to divide the world's free sugar market into three tiers. The Common Market is proposing that the 10 largest sugar producers be exempt from export quotas but obliged to stock sugar when prices fall below agreed levels. It wants middle-level producers subject to export quotas and limited stocking,

while smaller producing countries are exempted from all such obligations.

The proposal has divided EEC from sugar producers, but producers are also divided among themselves. The third preliminary round of talks began at ISO headquarters here Monday and were spent in long statements from both producers and consumers. Leading the battle against stocking and no export quotas were Brazil, Colombia, Cuba and Nicaragua.

Conference sources said the Latin Americans had complained that the EEC had not fully explained the technical side of its prop-

osal. Nicaragua accused the Common Market of favoring beet sugar producers over Western hemisphere. South east Asian and Australian cane sugar producers.

The EEC has never been a member of sugar pacts because it was not satisfied with the export quota it had been allocated at three major negotiating conferences in the past. This is one reason the community's proposal shies away from export quotas.

The EEC is the world's largest producer and exporter of beet sugar, but it also has to import about 1.5 million metric tons of cane sugar a year from the African-Caribbean-Pacific sugar producing nations. Smaller sugar producing countries, freed of all obligations, are not objecting to the community proposal, the conference sources said.

Among the consumers, the lone dissenting voice was Japan's which, said the EEC plan was too costly, the sources said. The EEC wants consumer nations to share the burden of financing stocks. The U.S. delegation has so far made no proposals.

## Caribbean states may sign pact on contamination

BOGOTA, Colombia, March 16 (AP) — Representatives from 27 countries bordering the Caribbean are being asked to sign a treaty March 24 to fight further contamination of that sea.

The treaty is being prepared now by technical experts from the 27 countries gathered in the Colombian Caribbean port city of Cartagena. The United Nations organized the conference, to be in Cartagena.

The countries include the United States, Cuba, Mexico, Colombia, Venezuela and other countries with Caribbean shores. The treaty would have the 27 countries notify signatories when a contamination problem arises and to help each other in cleanup operations.

The site of the conference, Cartagena, encompasses one of the Caribbean's serious problems — mercury poisoning. In 1976, the Cartagena Environmental Protection Committee, a private group of environmentalists, found that a government plant was discharging mercury into the bay.

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were 2.6 percent up on a year earlier, at 160,167 units. Renault subsidiary American Motors did best with an 89 percent rise. General Motors and Volkswagen were the only firms not showing a year-on-year increase.

WASHINGTON (AFP) — American industrial output rose 0.3 percent February against 1.3 percent in January, the Federal Reserve announced. The Fed said this was the third rise in a row, and it was mainly due to increased production of cars, military and space equipment, and building materials.

## Soviet labor urged to meet industry goals

MOSCOW, March 16 (AP) — Leaders of the Soviet parliament have urged government agencies to tighten worker discipline, build more housing and meet industrial construction goals, Tass reported.

The 38-member presidium of the Supreme Soviet, executive committee of the national parliament, met Tuesday to discuss various "questions of public life" and make recommendations for solutions, the official news agency said. "The presidium passed a decision making it incumbent upon the ministries and departments of the USSR to ensure implementation of proposals from the permanent commissions and deputies" of the 1,500-member Supreme Soviet, Tass said.

First Deputy Premier Geidar Aliev, a member of the Communist Party's ruling Politburo, reviewed the Supreme Soviet's proposals for meeting targets for 1983. "Special attention was paid to solving the key problems of economic and social policy of the party: intensification of public production, complex development of the peoples' economy, increasing efficiency of capital investments, improvement of transport, strengthening order and discipline and improvement of style and methods of management."

The presidium said "a number of ministries and organizations were slow in introducing proposals and comments of permanent commissions and deputies," Tass reported.

Government council (Soviets) in the Ukraine were singled out for "feeble support" of parliamentary directives and failing to "strengthen discipline and organization in all links of production and management."

Communist Party chief Yuri V. Andropov has led a crackdown on lazy workers and inefficient managers in a drive to boost industrial output since taking over from the late Leonid I. Brezhnev last Nov. 12. The presidium adopted a decree to speed up construction of public housing and communal buildings for the 1983 portion of the current five-year plan, with "special attention to building in rural areas primarily on the non-black soil zone of the Russian Republic, regions of Siberia and the Far East," Tass said.

Local agencies were ordered to fulfill their construction targets for new industrial enterprises and reconstruction of existing plants.

## Dollar rallies as gold drops

LONDON, March 16 (AP) — The U.S. dollar rallied marginally in early European trading on Wednesday as rumors of an early realignment of currencies within the European Monetary System hit the Belgian and French francs. Gold fell sharply.

Foreign exchange dealers said the Italian lira, Danish krone and Irish pound were also in difficulty as the powerful West German mark began its seemingly inexorable rise. The weakness of the five currencies in the Common Market's money system helped the dollar, which only eased in relation to the Canadian dollar.

The dollar rose marginally in quiet trading in Tokyo where business ends before it begins in Europe. It moved up from 236.85 yen Tuesday to 237.30. But later in Europe, the dollar eased to 237.125 yen.

The British pound declined in relation to the dollar after gaining half a cent on Tuesday. The pound was quoted in early trading at \$1.5095, down from \$1.5130 late Tuesday.

Other late dollar rates early Wednesday compare with late Tuesday:

2.3825	— 2.0487 Swiss francs, up from 2.0477
— 6.8175 French francs, up from 6.7200	
2.6420	— 2.6465 Dutch guilders, up from 2.6420
— 1,417.00 Italian lire, up from 1,412.50	
1.22475	— 1.22355 Canadian dollars, down from 1.22475
Gold bullion, meanwhile, fell back sharply in Zurich early Wednesday. The precious metal was quoted at \$425.50 a troy ounce, down from \$434.50 at Tuesday's close.	
London's five main bullion dealers fixed an indicative price of \$424 an ounce, down from \$431 the day before. Earlier in Hong Kong, gold fell \$10.16 to close at \$427.14.	
Silver bullion fell back also in London to \$11.08 a troy ounce from \$11.35 at the close Tuesday.	
The following are the closing gold prices in U.S. dollars per troy ounce:	
London	420.00
Paris	432.93
Frankfurt	425.01
Zurich	418.50
Hong Kong	427.14

## Swiss parliament rejects petition on bank secrecy

BERNE, March 16 (R) — The Swiss lower house of parliament Tuesday voted against a Socialist Party petition which would drastically reduce secrecy in the Swiss banking system.

The proposed change to the constitution was rejected by 105 votes to 50. But the final decision will be taken by voters in a referendum expected to take place next year. The petition would oblige banks to give information in cases of suspected tax evasion, both at home and abroad. It would also force them to supply details about clients being investigated in other countries for offenses such as illegal flight of capital.

## British royal payments hiked

LONDON, March 16 (AP) — Queen Elizabeth II and her family Tuesday received a 4.7 percent increase in their allowance from the British government — known as the Civil List — to offset their expenses in carrying out royal duties.

"This is modest and well within the government's guidelines and will permit staff pay increases of 3.5 percent," a Buckingham Palace spokesman said. The net Civil List payment for financial year 1983-84 to the queen and seven members of her family rises to \$6.86 million up \$310,000 from last year's \$6.55 million, the palace announced. That's an increase of 4.7 percent, compared with an 8.1 percent hike last year. Britain's annual rate of inflation is 4.9 percent.

The actual Civil List total is \$7.3 billion, but the queen refunds amounts allocated for three other members of her family: her cousins the Duke of Kent, the Duke of Gloucester and Princess Alexandra.

The government, including Socialist Finance Minister Willi Ritschard, opposes the petition. It published a draft of a new banking law last year which would also ease banking secrecy, but only in relatively minor ways.

The petition was launched in 1977 when Credit Suisse, a major Swiss bank, suffered large losses due to illicit dealings carried out secretly for 16 years by the head of its branch at Chiasso on the border with Italy. It has been strongly resisted by Swiss banks on the grounds that it would result in a massive loss of business to banks abroad.

Civil List payments are announced on the day the chancellor of the exchequer delivers his annual tax-and-spending budget to parliament.

The allowances, not considered salaries, were first paid by parliament to King George III in 1760 in return for the surrender of crown land. The queen gets separate sums for the maintenance of Buckingham Palace and Windsor Castle.

The palace said the small increase was possible because of royal cost-cutting. Thirty jobs have been trimmed through voluntary retirement and hiring restrictions, making a leaner palace staff of 300, ranging from footmen to private secretaries. The queen herself gets \$5.64 million, two-thirds of which goes on salaries for her staff. The grant to Elizabeth, the queen mother, 82, goes up to \$488,680.

Princess Margaret, the queen's divorced sister, gets \$165,224.

## Foreign Exchange Rates

Quoted at 5:00 p.m. Wednesday	Cash	Transfer
Baharini Dinar	9.14	9.16
Bangladesh Taka	14.21	14.11
Belgian Franc (1,000)	74.00	73.25
Canadian Dollar		2.83
Deutsche Mark (100)	144.80	144.35
Dutch Guilder (100)	131.00	130.10
Egyptian Pound	3.10	3.19
European Dollar (100)	93.25	94.60
French Franc (100)	51.10	50.77
Greek Drachma (1,000)	38.00	41.40
Indian Rupee (100)		34.60
Iranian Rial (100)		
Iraqi Dinar	5.80	24.50
Italian Lira (10,000)	24.70	24.50
Japanese Yen (1,000)	15.30	14.62
Jordanian Dinar	9.74	9.68
Kuwaiti Dinar	11.85	11.80
Lebanese Lira (100)	82.50	81.58
Moroccan Dirham (100)	53.25	54.71
Pakistani Rupee (100)	28.10	26.80
Philippines Peso (100)		36.46
Pound Sterling	5.24	5.20
Qatari Rial (100)	94.25	94.60
Singapore Dollar (100)		165.50
Spanish Peseta (1,000)		26.36
Swiss Franc (100)	168.50	167.91
Syrian Lira (100)	60.00	61.60
Turkish Lira (1,000)	3.45	3.44
U.S. Dollar		
Yemeni Rial (100)	75.35	75.15
Selling Price	Buying Price	
Gold kg.	47,230	47,000
10 Tons bar	5,500	5,470
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## For 11th straight victory

## Nuggets mesmerize Warriors

NEW YORK, March 16 (AP) — Now that the Denver Nuggets are playing a little defense while maintaining their offensive firepower, they are bad news to the rest of the National Basketball Association.

The Nuggets, in a late-season playoff rush, raced to their 11th straight victory Tuesday night, whipping golden state 139-115. Kiki Vandeweghe scored 32 points and NBA scoring leader Alex English added 28. But perhaps the most telling statistics were Warriors center Joe Barry Carroll's 5-of-21 field goal shooting and 13 points, 11 below his average.

"Carroll had a pretty tough time," Nuggets

Golden State coach Al Attles said of the Nuggets. "Denver seems to be clicking on all cylinders right now. They shot very well in the first half and did everything they usually do. They also played very good defense against us."

Denver opened a 24-6 lead in the first 6 1/2 minutes and maintained a 74-56 halftime lead as Vandeweghe went wild. The All-Star forward was able to relax in the second half as Denver substitutes got some playing time.

"I enjoyed the game from the bench in the second half. It's great to sit back and watch the other guys who don't get a chance to play

to stay, 126-125, with 1:26 left in the game, and Toney, who was 15 of 22 from the field and 12 of 12 from the free throw line, followed with a pair of layups to make it 130-125. Billy Knight scored 40 points for Indiana, his second straight game with 40 or more.

**Spurs 130, Clippers 109:** George Gervin led seven teammates in double figures as San Antonio set a franchise record by hitting 65 percent of its shots against San Diego.

Artis Gilmore had all 19 of his points in the first half as the Spurs took a 70-48 lead at intermission. Mike Mitchell added 16 of his total of 18 in the third quarter as San Antonio increased its lead to 97-74. Terry Cummings led all scorers with 31 points for the Clippers.

**Knicks 119, Hawks 97:** Bernard King scored 23 points as New York beat Atlanta for its sixth straight triumph, all of them against winning teams. The Knicks never trailed after taking a 12-11 lead on two free throws by King, who had 10 points in the first 10 minutes of the game while New York took a 32-19 lead.

**Suns 116, Bulls 108:** Phoenix beat Chicago for the 10th straight time. The Suns trailed by seven at halftime, but scored 10 of the first 12 points of the third period to go ahead 64-63. The Bulls responded with six points in a row to regain the lead, but Phoenix came back with 13 straight for a 77-69 bulge and Chicago never got closer than six the rest of the way.

**Nets 109, Pistons 90:** Darryl Dawkins hit 10 of 11 field goal attempts and finished with 22 points as New Jersey manhandled Detroit. The Nets held the opposition under 100 points for the third straight game and improved their record to 23-1 when their opponent was under the century mark. Isiah Thomas led all scorers with 33 points for the Pistons.

**Blazers 115, Kings 98:** Jim Paxson scored 32 points and Mychal Thompson 26 as Portland defeated Kansas City. The Trail Blazers held the Kings to 16 points in the first quarter and led 61-35 at halftime, but Mike Woodson scored 17 of his 26 points in the third period to help Kansas City cut a 31-point deficit to 13.

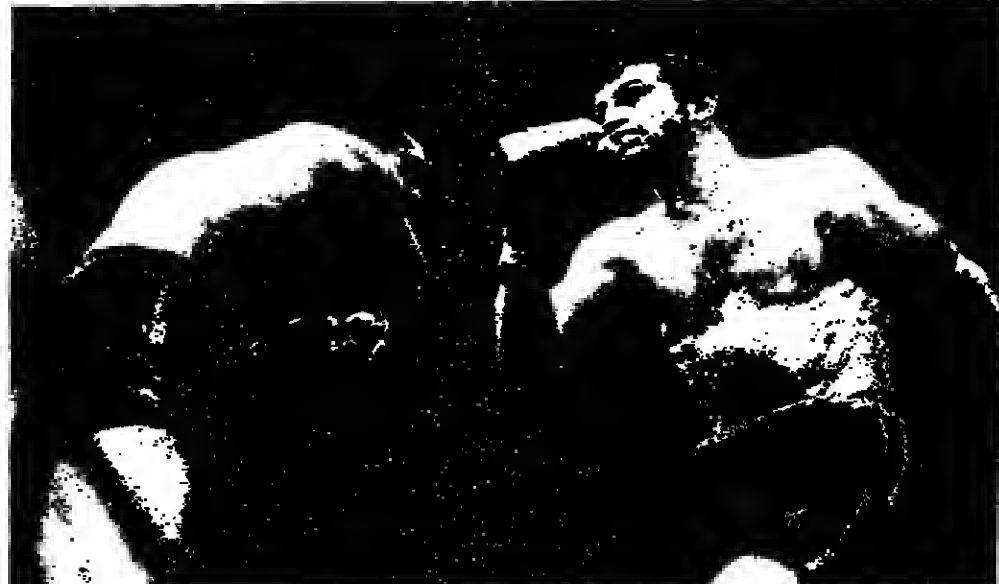
**Bullets 95, Cavaliers 92:** Jeff Ruland scored 26 points and Washington limited Cleveland to one basket in overtime after blowing a six-point lead in the final minute of regulation.

The Bullets led 88-82 with 59 seconds left, but Geoff Huston hit a three-point, goal, a layup and a free throw to send the game into overtime. He missed another free throw that could have won the game for the Cavaliers, who got 35 points from World Free.

**Mavericks 123, Rockets 110:** Mark Aguirre scored 29 points and Jay Vincent 22 as Dallas handed Houston its eighth straight loss and 54th in 65 games. The Rockets, after being down by 23 points in the first half, battled back to cut the deficit to 112-105.

## Magri magnificent

## As he batters Mercedes for WBC crown



BIG DAY: It was a big day for Britain's Charlie Magri at Wembley Tuesday. Magri (right) exchanges blows with Dominican Republic's Eleoncio Mercedes as he registers a seventh round technical knockout verdict over the WBC flyweight title-holder.

## For title fight

## Hagler gives Scypion the nod

PROVIDENCE, Rhode Island, March 16 (AP) — Marvelous Marvin Hagler, the undisputed world middleweight champion, agreed Tuesday to defend his title against Wilford Scypion May 13 in a 15-round bout, confident he would retain the crown.

"I don't want to feel very cocky, but I'm very confident," Hagler said in the Providence Civic Center, where he will meet Scypion and earn \$1.25 million for his seventh title defense in three years.

"With all respect to Scypion, I plan to retain my title as I've done in the past," said Hagler, 30, whose overall record is 56-2-2, with 47 knockouts.

Scypion, the United States Boxing Association middleweight titleholder and the No. 1 contender in the World Boxing Council rankings, vowed to "give it every ounce ... 150 percent" in the city's first world championship fight.

"I respect Hagler as a man and as a fighter, but I'm gonna come here to be the new world champion," said the 24-year-old who made his record 26-3 by defeating Frank "the Animal" Fletcher at Atlantic City, New Jersey, Feb. 13. Twenty of Scypion's victories have been by knockouts. Scypion will earn \$325,000.

Atlantic City: Dwight Braxton is suffering from an allergy, according to his trainers, but he said Tuesday that he is ready for his fight against Michael Spinks for the undisputed light heavyweight championship.

There were reports that the 30-year-old Braxton, the World Boxing Council champion, was suffering from a cold in South Carolina, where he did most of his training for Friday night's battle against Spinks, the World Boxing Association champion. "I

don't have any cold," said Braxton at a news conference. "My cold is over. I feel good. I have a slight nasal problem. It's the change of weather, that's all."

Meanwhile, America's Aaron Pryor will defend his World Boxing Association light welterweight crown against Kim Sang-Hyun of South Korea here on April 2, promoters announced Tuesday.

The 27-year-old Pryor, who is unbeaten in 32 professional contests, will be making his seventh title defense.

Kim, 28, former World Boxing Council light welterweight champion, has a record of 42 wins, three defeats and two draws.

Wembley: Herol "Bomber" Graham, the British and Commonwealth light middleweight champion, scored a fifth round technical knockout over American Tony Nelson at the Wembley arena Tuesday night.

Graham, unbeaten in 23 professional fights, opened a deep cut beneath Nelson's eye, and the referee stopped the contest at the end of the fifth.

San Juan: Leo Cruz of the Dominican Republic is a 2-to-1 favorite to retain his World Boxing Association (WBA) super featherweight crown Wednesday night in Puerto Rico against challenger Soon Hyun Chung of South Korea.

The champion and the division's No. 1 challenger were expected to make the 122-pound (55.3 kg) weight limit without difficulty. Puerto Rico's Boxing Association chairman Francisco Gautier Burgos said the fight will be 15 rounds and not 12 as now sanctioned by the sister World Boxing Council (WBC). He also explained the rule calling for a technical knockout after three knockdowns in a single round would be waived.

LONDON, March 16 (Agencies) — Eleoncio Mercedes' brief reign as World Boxing Council (WBC) flyweight champion came to an end at Wembley Tuesday night when he was stopped by Britain's Charlie Magri in the seventh round of their scheduled 12-round title fight.

Mercedes, born in the Dominican Republic but now resident in Mexico City, was left bloodied and battered as the European champion produced the finest performance of his 30-fight career in a nerve-tangling contest.

Mercedes, who took the title from Mexican Freddie Castillo last November, was pulled out of the fray after one minute 14 seconds of the seventh round by the ring doctor. He has been carrying a nasty gash under his left eye from the fourth round and every stinging Magri blow made the blood run faster from that cut and another over the eye.

Ironically until the cuts, Mercedes had looked every bit as impressive as Magri and was probably level on points at the finish.

War was declared from the opening bell of the fight and Magri narrowly won the first round thanks to a furious assault in the last minute which had the champion covering up against the ropes. While Magri was looking to land one big blow, Mercedes kept the safer switch in his right hand in the on position.

Magri switched his attack to the body in the third and fourth rounds but the dancing Mercedes was often an elusive target, slipping nimbly out of range or weaving and ducking when trapped in a corner.

The fourth will long be remembered as one of the best ever rounds in World Championship boxing. Magri and Mercedes stood toe to toe in the middle of the ring trading punches. When the champion was finally forced to step back, blood was streaming down his left cheek. The fatal blow had been struck.

A change of tactics almost brought Magri the title in the fifth. Four sledgehammer hooks to the body — astonishing punches for a flyweight — took the wind out of Mercedes and the champion was left helpless as the Briton unleashed a flurry of unanswered blows.

But again Mercedes came back and he had Magri in trouble in the sixth. The challenger seemed unable to anticipate the Mercedes jab although the champion was having trouble seeing out of his damaged eye.

The doctor inspected the wounds during the interval and although he allowed Mercedes to continue he had no hesitation in calling a halt as Magri immediately went back to work on the eye.

Magri, 26, has now won 28 of his 30 contests. Mercedes' records shows 11 wins, seven losses and two draws. Both men weighed 111-1/2 pounds (51.5 kgs).

coach Doug Moe said. "We were really active defensively, and that made it tough for him." "We were double-teaming Joe Barry underneath, and he wasn't looking to pass," said Vandeweghe, who sat out much of the second half after scoring 30 points by halftime. "So we just sagged in on him, and his shots weren't dropping."

Elsewhere, New York bombed Atlanta 119-97. New Jersey clubbed Detroit 109-90. Philadelphia edged Indiana 132-128. Washington tripped Cleveland 95-92 in overtime. San Antonio outscored San Diego 130-109. Dallas beat Houston 123-110. Phoenix defeated Chicago 116-108 and Portland ripped Kansas City 115-98.

"I can see why they've won 11 in-a-row,"

## Blues skate past Nordiques in style

NEW YORK, March 16 (Agencies) — Blake Dunlop and Rob Ramage scored three minutes apart early in the third period and Brian Sutter added an empty-net goal to give him a career-high 42 goals, to lead the St. Louis Blues to a 5-3 victory over the Quebec Nordiques in a National Hockey League game Tuesday night.

Elsewhere in the NHL, Ryan Walter scored one goal and assisted on two others as the Montreal Canadiens took a 5-0 lead and coasted to a 5-1 victory over the Hartford Whalers.

Meanwhile, the Netherlands beat Hungary

too often," Vandeweghe said. "We got out and ran on them right from the start. They were a little lackadaisical and we were ready."

Lewis Lloyd scored 30 points to lead Golden State, who lost for the eighth time in 11 games.

**76ers 132, Pacers 128:** Andrew Toney and Moses Malone made up for the absence of Julius Erving and Maurice Cheeks as Philadelphia outlasted Indiana. Erving has a sprained wrist and Cheeks had the flu, but Toney scored 42 points and Malone added 35 points and 22 rebounds as the 76ers, 54-9, rallied from an 11-point deficit in the third quarter to beat the 17-48 Pacers.

A dunk by Malone put Philadelphia ahead

12-5 in their vital top of the table Group "C" World Ice Hockey Championship clash in Budapest. The period scores were 5-1, 6-1, 1-3 and the Dutch goals came from de Bruyn, Collard (3), Wensink, Schaeffer, de Heer 2, Berteling, Koopmans (2) and Van Ongeans. Hungary's scorers were Pek, Palla (2), Buzas and Szajlai.

In another Group "C" mark, luckless North Korea were thrashed 24-1 by France. Period scores were 8-0, 7-1, 9-0. Korea's consolation goal came from Kim Lyong, assisted by Kim Gang.

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## To give Wednesday smooth passage into semis

# Burnley folds like pack of cards

LONDON, March 16 (AFP) — Sheffield Wednesday romped Tuesday to their first F.A. Cup semifinal in 17 years with a 5-0 demolition of Burnley at Hillsborough, Sheffield.

Two goals from midfielder Gary Shelton — his first since October — set up Wednesday in this all-Second Division quarterfinal replay, in front of a 41,731 crowd, — their biggest of the season.

The kick-off was delayed for 15 minutes to enable the fans to get into the ground — hut, once the match began, Wednesday wasted little time in earning their semifinal date with Brighton, at Highbury on April 16.

Shelton struck in the 17th and 28th minutes and a Gary Megson penalty near the interval virtually ended the match as a contest.

Burnley, bidding for their second Cup semifinal of the season — they gave Liverpool a scare before going out of the Milk Cup — were a broken side, and it was no surprise when Andy McCulloch added two more in the second-half.

So Jackie Charlton, England's 1966 World Cup center half and now Wednesday manager, has a good chance of seeing Wembley again. Only Brighton, propping up the First Division, stand in the way.

In the league, Birmingham City clawed their way off the bottom of the First Division — at the expense of Brighton — with a 2-1 win over Cup semifinalists Arsenal. Kevin Dillon popped up with a last-minute winner after Alan Sunderland canceled out Belgian Pat Van Den Hauwe's opener for the Midlands.

British results		
ENGLISH F.A. CUP		
Sheff. Wednesday	5 Burnley	0
DIVISION ONE		
Birmingham	2 Arsenal	1
Everton	2 Southampton	0
DIVISION TWO		
Cambridge	0 Derby	0
DIVISION THREE		
Bournemouth	1 Plymouth	0
Cardiff	1 Huddersfield	1
Chesham	0 Southend	2
Gillingham	0 Sheff. United	2
DIVISION FOUR		
Aldershot	1 Scunthorpe	1
Halifax	1 Swindon	0
Rochdale	2 Crewe	0
Widnes	4 Tranmere	0
York	5 Northampton	2
SCOTTISH DIVISION ONE		
Airdrieonians	1 Clyde	0
Park	1 Albion	2
Queen's Park	1 Hamilton	4
DIVISION TWO		
East Stirling	0 Brechin	3

## In Jeddah Tennis League

# Good day for KAIA teams

By Paddy Rogan

JEDDAH, March 16 — Two divisions of the Jeddah Tennis League were decided. In Division Two for the 'Mobil Cup,' KAIA 'A' continued their winning streak with a resounding 9-0 win over Weimer-Trachte. This win puts them 22 points in clear of their nearest rivals Raytheon, who will most probably accompany them to Division One next season.

Surprise winners to emerge in the 'Abou/Owen' sponsored Division Three are Dowsett/NCI. With key player David Ross in form, Dowsett/NCI maintained their advantage over Lockheed to the end. Lockheed's second-placed position is a remarkable achievement as they started the season as newcomers to Division Four. They may find the opposition in Division Two a lot hotter next season.

Outright victory for KAIA 'B' in the Arab News sponsored Division Four seems assured. Their recent 6-3 success over

Petromin/UOP lifts them 23 points ahead of the opposition with two matches remaining. Competition for the other promotion spot is tight with Arabian Homes 'B' looking favorites to clinch the berth with only ten points separating the other top four teams.

The battle for the top honors in the Saudi Gazette sponsored Division One couldn't be closer. With Saudia Irregulars to face Letco and Riofinix/BRGM 'A' in the final two matches every point would count. Letco, who have two more matches in hand than leaders Juffali, appear to have the whip in the other hand.

One of their matches outstanding is an unfinished clash with Riofinix/BRGM. The score stands at 4-4 with Gresham-Delon facing Cunningham-Kelth in the deciding tussle. At 7-7 the lights failed!

To add to this intriguing situation league secretary Michel Vergoclio conspired to pit the holders against the leaders — Letco versus Juffali, in the very final match of the season on March 26.

### How they stand

DIVISION ONE			DIVISION THREE		
Juffali	5	41	Dowsett/NCI	7	60
Irregulars	5	40	Lockheed	7	53
Riofinix/BRGM 'A'	4	33	Riofinix/BRGM 'B'	7	46
Saudi Letco	4	31	Sag	7	43
Skanska 'A'	4	27	Toulan	7	39
Dunes 'A'	6	24	City Series	7	39
Dunes 'B'	5	18	Ball Canada	7	35
Arabian Homes 'A'	5	14	IAL	7	21
DIVISION TWO			DIVISION FOUR		
KAIA 'A'	7	74	KAIA 'B'	7	74
Raytheon 'A'	7	52	Arabian Homes 'B'	6	51
Mobil 'A'	7	45	Petromin/UOP	6	43
Saudia 'A'	7	44	Mobil 'B'	6	34
Saudia 'B'	7	42	AORC	4	24
Skanska 'B'	7	40	Alfazan	4	23
Weimer-Trachte	7	27	Riofinix/BRGM 'C'	6	16
SAE Italia	7	12	Gray MacKenzie	4	15
			Dunes 'C'	5	7

## Jaeger drops out of Boston tourney

BOSTON, Massachusetts, March 16 (AP) — Top-seeded Andrea Jaeger, 17, withdrew Tuesday with an injured right ankle and twisted left knee from the \$150,000 Virginia Slims Tennis Tournament. Her doctor said she may be out of tennis for "several weeks."

Jaeger said she waited to announce her withdrawal until minutes before her scheduled match with fellow-American Kathleen Horvath, because she had hoped her injuries would improve and permit her to compete. She said the injuries stemmed from a fall in a doubles match two weeks ago in Los Angeles. Jaeger was in third place in the Virginia Slims Tournament point standings.

Before the announcement, sixth-seeded Barbara Potter of the U.S. went to work on a \$250,000 earnings deficit. Potter, 21, easily routed Barbara Hallquist, 6-1, 6-2, before a slender gallery. The match launched a series of tests for seeded players as fourth-seeded Sylvia Hanika of West Germany defeated Susan Mascarin, 6-3, 6-3, and third-seeded Wendy Turnbull of Australia eliminated Ann Kiyomura 6-1, 6-1, in other day action.

## BRIEFS

LONDON (AFP) — Alan Jones of Australia, the 1980 world champion, will return to Formula One racing when he drives for the British Arrows team in the "Race of Champions" at Brands Hatch, England. The race is not part of the world championship program.

LONDON (AFP) — British squash is to be given a 50,000 pound boost next season when Adidas, the German sports equipment manufacturer, and colt cars of Japan, jointly sponsor two new tournaments.

MANILA (AP) — The International Chess Federation (FIDE) severely reprimanded the Soviet Chess Federation Wednesday for boycotting a major chess tournament in the Netherlands because the organizers had also invited grandmaster Viktor Korchnoi, a Soviet defector.

LONDON (AFP) — Sebastian Coe will run for England against Norway in the indoor international in Oslo Saturday. The 26-year-old 1500 m Olympic champion showed he is in magnificent condition after lowering

his own 800 meters indoor best at the weekend and the 100 meters record is well within his scope.

WARSAW (R) — The Polish Athletics Association have lifted a one-year suspension imposed on high jumper Jacek Wozola because he wore unauthorized shoes at last year's European Championships in Athens, an official said Tuesday.

POCRURK (AFP) — Gil Morgan of the United States continued to be the biggest money winner on the United States Golf circuit this year, according to the latest earnings table, published Tuesday. Morgan's winnings of \$136,943 so far this year are more than 15,000 better than the next most successful golfer, Tom Kite.

ANCHORAGE, Alaska (AP) Americans Donna Devoe and Kathy Maddock finished in a dead heat on Tuesday to share the junior women's title in the 1983 National Cross Country Ski Championships. Each finished the 7.5-kilometer course at Anchorage's Kincaid Park in 25 minutes and 26.2 seconds.

83rd minute with a volley from close range following a corner kick and an error of a German back, who let the ball pass through his legs.

A 50,000 sellout crowd watched a dramatic clash in which the Romanians dominated throughout the action-packed game, missing several scoring opportunities, the best one was in 26th when midfielder Balaci fired a shot from 22 meters which hit the German crossbar.

It was learnt in Kuala Lumpur, groupings and selection of hosts for the eighth Asian Cup Football (final) Championship next year will be the main topic of discussion when the Asian Football Confederation (AFC) executive committee meets on Sunday.

India's possible withdrawal from the pre-Olympics qualifying round will also be settled during the meeting.



Sean Kelly... does it again

### Score-board

INDIA (1st innings):	175
WEST INDIES (1st innings):	0
D. Haynes c Kirmani b Senthil	0
G. Greenidge b Senthil	0
V. Richardson c Kirmani b Kapil Dev	1
J. Gomes c Gavaskar b Venkateshwar	123
C. Lloyd, st. Kirmani b Shastri	143
A. Logie c Kapil Dev b Venkateshwar	13
A. Dujon b Kapil Dev	34
M. Marshall b Shastri	14
A. Roberts b Kapil Dev	9
M. Holding c Venkateshwar b Maninder	24
J. Garner not out	20
Extras:	13
Total:	394
FALL OF WICKETS: 1-0, 2-1, 3-1, 4-238, 5-255, 6-316, 7-324, 8-340, 9-360.	
BOWLING: Kapil Dev 31-6-90-3; Senthil 19-2-69-2; Venkateshwar 41-12-96-2; Shastri 21-2-71-2; Maninder 26-3-75-1.	
INDIA (2nd innings):	32
S. Gavaskar c Dujon b Garner	32
A. Gaekwad c Beauslone (sub) b Gomes	35
M. Amarnath batting	54
D. Venkateshwar batting	20
Extras:	28
Total: (for 2 wickets)	169
FALL OF WICKETS: 1-53, 2-132.	
BOWLING: Holding 13-0-43-0; Roberts 11-2-30-0; Marshall 11-2-38-0; Garner 13-4-15-1; Gomes 12-6-15-1.	



Kapil Dev... bags 200th wicket.

## With Amarnath leading the way

# Indians brave rough weather

PORT-OF-SPAIN, Trinidad, March 16 (AP) — India was making a brave fight to avoid their second successive defeat in the five-match series against the West Indies at the end of the fourth day of the second cricket Test Tuesday.

Trailblazing by a daunting 219 on first innings, India halted resolutely after a succession of alarms and near escapes early in their innings to be 169 for two wickets at close — 50 behind with eight wickets standing with one more day remaining.

Two resolute innings provided the backbone of India's fight. Mohinder Amarnath, who has been their best batsman so far in the series, came in after experienced opener Sunil Gavaskar was out for a nerve-shattering 32 and remained undefeated at the end of play with 54 — his second half century of the match.

Gavaskar's partner, the bespectacled Anshuman Gaekwad, defied the West Indies bowling for the second-wicket. He fell to a limp stroke to off-spinner Larry Gomes when he had made 35 and, in the final hour, Dilip Vengsarkar held steady with Amarnath.

The West Indies extended their already sizeable advantage in the first 90 minutes of the day in which they moved from 335 for seven to 394 all out.

Indian captain Kapil Dev bowled Andy Roberts with his second ball when only five runs had been added, the 24-year-old fast

bowler's 200th wicket in his 50th Test, a landmark only reached previously by two Indian bowlers, spinners Bishan Bedi and Bhagwat Chandrasekhar.

Malcolm Marshall went six runs later hut the last pair, Michael Holding and Garner, added a further 48 to extend the West Indies lead. Kapil finished with three for 92, India's best figures. A lot seemed to depend on

### India 268 for three

PORT OF SPAIN, March 16 (Agencies) — Defiant Mohinder Amarnath, batting 89, and gritty Yashpal, batting 28, waged a determined battle with the West Indies pace attack and had taken India to 268 for three by lunch on the final day. Overnight batsman Dilip Vengsarkar was the only man out with 45.

Gavaskar for India. He is their most experienced batsman, with 87 Tests behind him, and has scored four of his 26 Test centuries on this ground on two previous tours.

But he has been out of form. And in his 80 minutes stay, he was twice dropped, at 13 in the slips of Holding and at 21 by Holding at extracover off fiery Marshall. He was also twice caught by wicketkeeper Jeff Dujoo off no-halls from Marshall and was never settled against the searing pace battery. He finally gave a catch to Dujoo off Garner.

## Seeds take a tumble in Rotterdam

ROTTERDAM, Netherlands, March 16 (AP) — Upsets have dominated the early-going of the \$200,000 Grand Prix Tennis Tournament here, with five of the eight seeded players already eliminated in the first round.

While top-seed Guillermo Vilas of Argentina and second-seeded American Gene Mayer won their first matches Tuesday, other tournament favorites fell to underdogs.

Australian Peter McNamara, coming off a victory last weekend in the Belgian Grand Prix, had to pull out of his match against Jiri Granat of Czechoslovakia in the second set after suffering a knee injury.

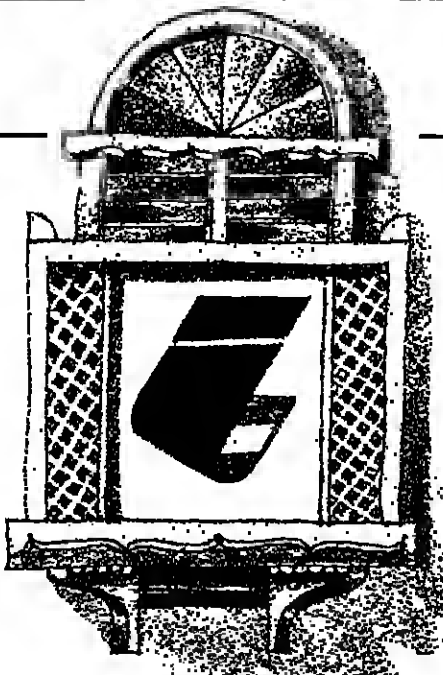
Fourth-seeded American Sandy Mayer dropped a 7-6, 4-6, 6-2 decision to Bernard Boileau of Belgium and fifth-seeded Mark Edmondson of Australia lost to Nick Saviano of the U.S. 7-6, 6-2. Seventh-seeded Buster Mottram of England and eighth-seeded Mel Purcell the U.S. lost in first-round play Monday.

Vilas, the fourth-ranked player in the world, defeated Pavel Slozil of Czechoslovakia 7-5, 6-1 and Gene Mayer defeated Michiel Schapers of the Netherlands 6-7, 5-6, 6-1. In other actions, Russel Simpson of New Zealand beat Sammy Giammalva of the U.S. 6-3, 6-0, and American Tim Gullikson defeated his countryman Pat Dupre 3-6, 7-5, 6-1.

Meanwhile, injured West German champ Peter Elter beat American Bruce Manson 7-6, 4-6, 6-4 before 2,000 spectators Tuesday in the \$300,000 World Cup Indoor Tournament in Munich.

His victory made Elter the only West German to qualify for the second round in Munich's Rudi Sedlmayer Hall. The 24-year-old Essen player, recovering from a torn groin muscle, started out cautiously then let it all loose at the end of the two-hour battle to hammer Manson, ranked 85th on the world list.

In other matches, Paul McNamee of Australia easily buried Lloyd Bourne of California 6-0, 6-3, South African Freddie Sauer upset Nduke Odior of Nigeria 7-6, 4-6, 6-4, Balazs Taroczy of Hungary took 124 minutes and a tiebreaker to push back Chile's Hans Gildemeister 6-0, 4-6, 7-5 and Steve Denton of the U.S. squeezed past Dominique Bedel of France 7-6, 7-5.



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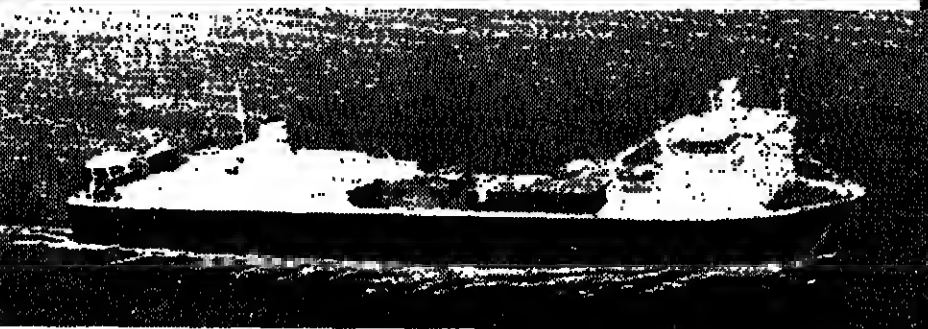
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## Thai Army denied role in government

BANGKOK, March 16 (R) — In an unexpected show of independence Wednesday, Thailand's parliament rejected moves to change the constitution to give the armed forces a permanent legal role in running the country.

The vote by a joint session of the appointed Senate, upper house, and the elected House of Representatives was seen as a major humiliation for Army Chief Gen. Arthit Kamlang-Ek, who had campaigned personally for the change, arguing it would give Thailand more democracy and stability.

The amendment failed by 10 voters to get a simple 264 majority and political analysts said the vote reflected divisions within the armed forces. They also said several political parties which had helped the constitutional amendment get through its first and second readings in parliament last month had had a change of heart.

Gen. Arthit's army colleagues had hinted at possible military intervention if the change was rejected, saying troops might have to "exercise" if uncertainty followed the vote. But after the poll, the supreme commander of the Thai armed forces, Gen. Saiyud Kerdphol, who had declared himself neutral, told reporters parliament had reflected the people's wishes and the armed forces would accept this.

"I do not anticipate any trouble and it is unlikely that there will be any coup," Gen. Saiyud told reporters.

Members of parliament hailed the result as a successful attempt to block a future dictatorship. Several thousand people outside the parliament building cheered and sang the national anthem when the result was announced.

## Pope denounces foreign meddling

VATICAN CITY, March 16 (R) — Pope John Paul on Wednesday sharply criticized foreign intervention in the Salvadoran Civil War and repeated his call for a peaceful end to social injustices in Central America.

Speaking at his first general audience since his return last Thursday from a nine-day tour of the region, the pontiff also renewed his attack on attempts to superimpose political objectives on the Catholic church.

Clearly affected by the mass poverty and elite wealth that he witnessed in the eight-nation journey through one of the world's most troubled regions, the pope demanded an end to inequality and denounced foreign meddling.

Central America's outdated social and economic systems "are unjust and must be changed by adequate reforms, observing the principles of social democracy," the pope said. Failure to promote social justice was the cause of guerrilla warfare which had killed thousands of victims in El Salvador alone, he said.

A major factor that influenced the vote was the publication Tuesday of the draft of a document apparently setting out a dictatorial government structure based on a Communist model. The draft was revealed by former Prime Minister Kukrit Pramoj, a leading opponent of the army move.

The constitutional amendment would have extended for another four years the right of the appointed Senate, most of whose members are soldiers, to influence major legislation. It would also have allowed members of the armed forces and civil servants to hold government office, a move which members of parliament said would allow generals to become prime ministers without a coup.

## Fugitive tag by Britons hurts Nkomo

LONDON, March 16 (Agencies) — Zimbabwe opposition leader Joshua Nkomo, who fled to Britain last weekend, was quoted Wednesday as saying he felt insulted at being called a "fugitive" by officials of Prime Minister Robert Mugabe's government.

"I'm not a criminal, so why call me a fugitive? It's a terrible insult after all I've done for my country Nkomo, 65, was quoted as saying in an interview with the *London Daily Mail*. "I'm not running away. There was a threat to my life which no one can dispute... All I'm trying to do is not join my ancestral spirits just yet. I want to work for my people in the flesh."

The newspaper said it interviewed Nkomo at a hotel near London's Heathrow Airport where the burly African leader has stayed since he arrived last Sunday, saying he feared for his life at home.

Nkomo, whose Zimbabwe African People's Union draws support from the minority Ndebele tribe, was given a seven-day entry permit. He has said he wants to return to Zimbabwe, but needs a face-to-face safety guarantee from a top Zimbabwe envoy.

Nkomo has alleged widespread brutality and killings of civilians by government troops in sweeps through his southern stronghold, the Matabeleland province.

Nkomo denied in the *Mail* interview that he was in hiding in London, but said: "I have things to do and need peace and quiet to do them."

In Paris, the Association of African Jurists (AJAF) said Wednesday it will send a delegation to Zimbabwe to study the accusations of brutality by the Zimbabwean Army in Matabeleland.

AJAF said it also hoped to provide international public opinion with details of charges brought against "certain people who have been detained or arrested recently," including family members of Joshua Nkomo.



OFF TO REHEARSAL: Actor Richard Burton is escorted into New York's Cort Theater by Sally Hays on his way to a rehearsal for *Private Lives*, a play in which Burton will star opposite his ex-wife Elizabeth Taylor.

## Suharto announces cabinet

JAKARTA, March 16 (AFP) — Six days after his re-election, Indonesian President Suharto on Wednesday announced a new revamped government in which the military maintains its leading role. The armed forces hold 15 senior cabinet posts in the 35-member cabinet, which includes 13 new faces.

Former Army Chief of Staff Gen. Poniman takes over the Defense Ministry from Gen. Muhammad Yusuf, the country's No. 2 strongman, who is temporarily appointed head of the State Audit Board. Gen. Yusuf succeeds Gen. Umar Wiradikusumah, the new vice president.

## S. Africans search two journalists

JOHANNESBURG, March 16 (AP) — A South African newspaper was freed on 500 rand (\$480) bail Wednesday after security police accused him of "defeating the ends of justice."

Bernard Simon, who reports for *The Economist* and *The Financial Times* of London and is a part-time correspondent for the AP-Dow Jones news service, was ordered to appear again in the regional court on March 25 after further investigation. The prosecutor must decide whether to bring formal charges based on the police allegations.

Simon was questioned and detained by security police during a search of the nearby office of Allister Sparks, correspondent for *The Washington Post* and the *London Observer*.

## Angolan rebels capture foreigners

LUANDA, March 16 (AFP) — Angolan authorities Wednesday confirmed that the anti-government Union for the Total Independence of Angola (UNITA) captured 64 Czechoslovaks, including women and children, during an attack Saturday on a paper factory in southwestern Angola.

A statement released by the official news agency ANGOP said that "armed bands" of the South African-backed movement partly destroyed the factory in Alto Catubela, in the Benguela region. Czechoslovak experts have been involved in the construction of the paper factory since last year.

On Monday UNITA claimed to have captured the Czechoslovaks and 20 Portuguese technicians during Saturday's operation, and offered to exchange some of the Czechoslovaks for seven British mercenaries serving

Dr. Mochtar Kusumaatmadja retains the foreign affairs portfolio while Lt.-Gen. Supardjo Roestam becomes home minister and Dr. Ali Wardhanap the outgoing finance minister, becomes coordinator minister for energy, finance and industry.

In a major structural change, the posts of defense minister and commander in chief of the armed forces, which have been combined for the past 26 years, were separated in line with a defense bill recently passed by parliament. The armed forces command, until now held by Gen. Yusuf goes to Lt. Gen. Benny Mudianto, formerly deputy head of the sector services (Bakin).

Police seized three tapes during an early morning search of Sparks' home and confiscated clippings, telex messages to the *Post*, a typewriter and two pairs of scissors from Sparks' office.

Sparks said police were seeking notes on stories he had written about black nationalist Winnie Mandela, who is banned and may not be quoted. Foreign correspondents periodically quote banned people in overseas publications.

Police spent four hours in Sparks' office, and began questioning Simon simultaneously. Sparks said police took a number of documents and left without indicating whether he might be charged.

prison sentences in Angola since 1976.

The news agency said that the operation could only have been carried out "with the complicity and backing of Western countries to South Africa," which served as a rear base for Angolan "bandits and traitors."

In an unrelated development, three Spanish nuns captured in Mozambique last month by the anti-government Mozambique National Resistance Movement (MNR) were released Tuesday near the Malawi border, an MNR spokesman said in Lisbon Wednesday.

The spokesman, Evo Fernandes, said that the nuns' morale and physical condition were good, and they had been set free in Zambezia province in Mozambique, about 30 kilometers from Mongue village. Fernandes said the nuns, who are qualified nurses, helped to care for the local population during their captivity.

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which is intimately concerned with the security of Sudan.

The U.S. suggested a classic counterintelligence operation to its partners — that they use the embryo conspiracy to set a trap for Qaddafi, letting him believe his supporters in Sudan were more numerous and powerful than they were and so luring out his air force to their aid in order to destroy it. The *Nimitz* with its formidable fire power moved covertly into position.

The Sudanese were only too happy to go along with the American suggestion. They face the prospect of reduced U.S. military assistance this year and may be using the Libyan bogeyman to persuade Congress to be more generous.

But Egypt, which is seeking reconciliation in the Arab and nonaligned worlds, wanted nothing to do with this counterconspiracy. The Egyptian view is that it can well handle, without assistance, anything Qaddafi dares throw at it, and that a U.S. punitive clash with Libya would today cause Arab moderates nothing but embarrassment.

Inevitably in Washington there were inter-departmental wrangles about the wisdom of amushing Qaddafi. A faction

opposed to the plan (but from which arm of the U.S. government the Arab sources are not sure) leaked news of the air and naval movements to the press and the cat was out of the bag.

The president was caught unaware statements and counterstatements abounded to general confusion, and Qaddafi prudently ignored the bait offered him. The AWACS ignored the home and the *Nimitz* returned to its station off the Lebanese coast.

Last week, the Sudanese authorities announced the arrest of 56 persons they said had confessed to having been recruited by Libya for the Feb. 18 plot. But Arab sources report that the handful of conspirators whose communications had been intercepted were disposed of in mid-February, and that the new arrests were in fact entirely unconnected with that affair.

They appear to have been made simply to keep the anti-Libyan pot boiling, and could be designed as a curtain-raiser for a proposed "people's trial" of Qaddafi in Khartoum, an idea which has been floated by the Libyan exiles in the "National Front for the Salvation of Libya."

## Scottish letter bomb to Thatcher intercepted

LONDON, March 16 (AP) — Post office workers intercepted a letter bomb addressed to Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher on Wednesday, a day after similar devices were sent to her and to a U.S. Navy office in London, police said.

A Scotland Yard spokesman said the "Scottish National Liberation Army" claimed responsibility for the latest attack, to protest the closure of state-owned British Steel Corp. plants in Scotland.

The Scottish group, which said nothing about Tuesday's two devices, made its claim in a letter to the Glasgow offices of the British Press Association news agency.

The Yard spokesman said Tuesday's letter

bombs were made differently and were "not connected with the one found this morning."

Mrs. Thatcher, appearing at a luncheon in London, told reporters she had no idea who sent the letter bombs. "Neither will I speculate," she said. "It is one of the risks one takes. But what one has to try to do is to protect one's staff just in case they open one of these by accident," the prime minister said.

Scotland Yard said the latest bomb addressed to Mrs. Thatcher's official 10 Downing St. residence was contained in a 9-inch by 4-inch brown manila envelope. It was intercepted at the Victoria postal sorting office. Police explosives officers defuse the bomb, and no one was hurt.

A Yard spokesman said the incendiary device, intended to cause burns rather than heavy damage, was discovered during routine sorting after a worker became suspicious and called police. "The device is now being examined," said the spokesman, who did not want to be identified.

On Tuesday, letter bombs were sent to Mrs. Thatcher at 10 Downing St. and to the U.S. Navy's European headquarters in London. The one sent to Mrs. Thatcher was intercepted and defused. But the other one, addressed to the naval communications unit, was opened by senior chief petty officer John E. Williams III, who was burned slightly on the hand.

Some press reports said police were linking Tuesday's devices to an obscure Ukrainian nationalist group known as Makhno's Secret Army.

The group, named after the late Nestor Makhno, an anarchist active in the Ukraine in 1981, claimed responsibility for a series of letter bombs in recent weeks to the Soviet Embassy and other London offices.

## N. Pole explorer airlifted to camp

LONDON, March 16 (AP) — A British explorer trying to become the first person to walk alone to the North Pole was airlifted from the Arctic icecap Wednesday because of equipment failure, reports reaching London said.

Press Association, the British domestic news agency, said David Hempleman-Adams, a 26-year-old mountaineer, returned to his base camp at Eureka on Canada's northern Ellesmere Island, where he began the final 480-mile leg of his journey March 10.

In a report from the camp, the news agency said Hempleman-Adams planned to return Friday to the position where he interrupted his trek.

The British Broadcasting Corp. said Hempleman-Adams had traveled about 40 miles from his base when he was picked up because of a faulty radio transmitter. He also needed repairs for his skis and tent and a replacement for his waterlogged sleeping bag.

Press Association said the explorer appeared weather-beaten but buoyant after trekking across the barren icefields at temperatures hovering around minus 49 degrees Fahrenheit (minus 45 degrees Centigrade).

The expedition, which has taken four years to prepare, must be carried out as quickly as possible to avoid the breakup of the polar ice cap as spring approaches.

Describing the first week out on his own, Hempleman-Adams said: "It has been the longest week of my life. On one occasion, I actually had to move my tent during the night when the ice started to break under me."

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Seoul	3	37	13	55	cloudy		
Singapore	24	75	34	93	clear		
Stockholm	3	37	7	45	cloudy		
Sydney	17	63	20	68	rain		
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